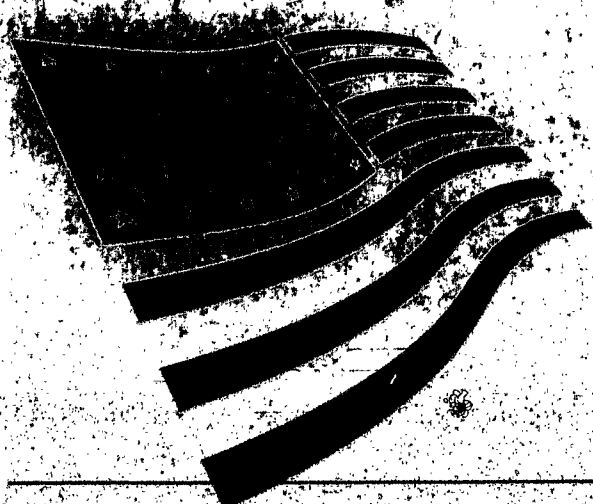


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Members of the Hancock Lady Hawks basketball team celebrate Saturday night after winning the state championship. Below: Hancock senior point guard Courtney Craft moves the ball down the court.

LADY HAWKS MAUL MURRAH 60-46 FOR 5A STATE TITLE

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Lady Hawks
were once a mainstay in
the state title game mak-
ing the final contest from
1978-80. They won the
gold ball in consecutive seasons
back in 1979-80 while in Class A.
However, it has been 24 years since

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Echo staff photos by Joe Gex

Bay vows to fight crossing closures

Favre, councilmen seek
public hearing with CSX

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis officials told a roomful of
citizens Tuesday that they're building a
case to fight proposed closing of three rail-
road track crossings in
town. The mayor even
hinted that a lawsuit may
be on the tracks.

In a meeting that drew
dozens of citizens who
protest the closings, City
Council went on record
with an official request for
the controversy to go
before a public hearing.
And given the swelling
ranks of the opponents,
that hearing probably will
be scheduled in a much
larger hall - perhaps Bay High School's
auditorium.

Citizens and officials alike abounded

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Bay St. Louis
Mayor
Eddie Favre

Oxycontin bust at Shoreline Park

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A Nassau Street resident in Shoreline
Park was arrested Tuesday and charged
with the alleged sale of a controlled sub-
stance, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Hancock County Narcotics Division
Director Major Matt Karl said, "David
Chester, 46, was arrested Tuesday for the
alleged sale a controlled substance,
(Oxycontin), and his bond set at \$50,000."

BUST-PAGE 7A

'Shared services' plan may create 470 new jobs

NASA chief, Barbour
eye Stennis as possible
site for proposed facility

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

State officials from both
Mississippi and Louisiana met at
Stennis Space Center on Monday
to promote the site for a new

shared services facility that NASA
plans to build at one of six proposed
locations. Governor Haley Barbour,
Lt. Governor Amy Tuck, U.S.
Senator Thad Cochran, U.S.
Representative Gene Taylor, State
Representative Dirk Dedeaux and
Louisiana Secretary of Economic
Development Don Hutchinson met
with reporters to discuss the pro-
posal.

NASA-PAGE 7A



Mississippi
Gov. Haley
Barbour, left;
NASA
Director Sean
O'Keefe and
Sen. Thad
Cochran
speak
Monday at
Stennis
Space Center
concerning a
proposed
"shared serv-
ices" facility
that could
create 470
new jobs in
Hancock
County.
Echo staff photo by
Bennie Shallbetter



The Hancock Lady Hawks pose for pictures Saturday after winning the state Class 5A championship. Echo staff photos by Joe Gex

Champs -- Lady Hawks win

Continued from Page 1A

their last state title and the gold ball from 1980 has lost just a touch its luster perched in the trophy case at the school in Kiln. Now, there is a little shiny something to place right next to it. And, there is no doubt that the trophy case will be illuminated by its mere presence.

The Lady Hawks (29-4) have exorcised all demons and will reign supreme as Class 5A state champions for 2004 after a 60-46 spanking of the two-time defending state champion Jackson Murrah Lady Mustangs on Saturday, March 13, before an estimated 3,000 fans. In the previous two years, the Lady Hawks were shown the exit door by the Lady Mustangs in the quarterfinals of the state tournament.

Jackson Murrah came into the game expecting to win and left the "Big House" dejected and whipped after the Lady Hawks put on a defensive clinic. Junior forward Ashley Boehnel quickly brought some attention to her game for the college scouts as she led Hancock with 21 points, grabbed 13 rebounds, dished off 7 assists and stole 3 balls.

Boehnel commented, "This is such a sweet feeling to be able to beat Murrah for the gold ball. It hasn't really sunk in yet, but it will. We knew that we had to get up on them early and stay in control."

The Lady Hawks did get up on Murrah early. And, stay on them, they did.

Hancock shot out of the starting gate with a 12-0 advantage by the 2:11 mark of the first period. Boehnel scored six points in the first period and Courtney Craft nailed two three-pointers. Erica Moran provided the

other basket for the Lady Hawks as they ended the first period with a 14-4 advantage.

Diamond Rogers, the Lady Mustangs go-to player, was held scoreless in the first period and only four points in the first half. Rogers has signed to play with the University of Alabama-Birmingham next season and was 8-0 as a starter in the Mississippi Coliseum. The Lady Hawks made sure she left with a blemish on that record.

The Lady Hawks knew that they had to keep up the intensity on both ends of the court to keep Murrah at bay. Amanda Arcement started the second period for Hancock with a trey to put the Lady Hawks up 17-6 with 7:08 to play in the half.

The Lady Mustangs went on 9-2 run to cut the score to 19-15 with about 2:42 left in the first half. Rogers got her four points of the half during this run.

Craft stopped the bleeding for Hancock with a basket at the 1:57 mark. Moran added a bucket and Boehnel pulled out beyond the arc to nail a trey with 1:42 left to make the score 26-15. The Lady Hawks carried a 27-18 lead into the intermission.

In the third period, the Lady Hawks extended their lead even further. Craft made a driving basket with 6:08 left in the third that pushed the score to 33-20. At the end of the period, Hancock finished with a 7-2 run to move the score to 50-31 heading into the final period.

Hancock knew that Murrah would make a run, but they just didn't know when. Well, the Lady Mustangs came roaring back in the fourth period as

Hancock did not convert until Petra Vackova's basket in the lane with 2:10 left to play.

Murrah reeled off 11 points prior to Vackova's bucket, which made the score 50-42.

However, that would be as close as Murrah would come the remainder of the game.

Hancock ended the game on an 8-2 run with Boehnel scoring the final four points to make the final tally of 60-46.

In addition to Boehnel's performance, senior point guard Courtney Craft scored 15 points including three treys while Dandy Dozen senior guard Brooke Necaise added 8 points. Necaise has signed to play with Southeastern Louisiana next season. Another interesting storyline to Necaise's career is that her mother, Suzette, played on the last Lady Hawks' state title team.

Necaise added, "We don't have go-to players on this team. Different people have stepped up all season in our games. Tonight, we had a solid inside presence and guard play. This is the game we wanted. We wanted Murrah in the title game. Revenge is a sweet thing and this is a very sweet feeling right now. Early in the game, we were hot and it shocked them somewhat. Our fan support up here in Jackson was also a plus. We could hear them on the court and at timeouts. They were very vocal and it kept us pumped up. The fans were a big part of success this season."

The team's stifling defense kept Rogers and the rest of the Lady Mustangs confused all night long. The Lady Hawks ripped down 40 rebounds as a team and

held Rogers to less than 20 points which was a team goal. While Rogers led the Lady Mustangs with 18 points she had to earn each and every point as she was double and triple teamed in the paint.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton recalled, "I guess the third time is the charm. We played some very intense defense and had a season high team rebound figure. Our objective was to keep Diamond Rogers under 20 points. Each player on this team played their position and role. During the game, Courtney Craft and Ashley Boehnel had breakout performances for us. Amanda Arcement came off the bench and hit some big three-pointers for us. Petra Vackova and Erica Moran were intimidating inside. Brooke Necaise played very solid defense. Lauren Douzant came off the bench and provided some solid minutes on the court. We came out early and sent a message with our game. I am very proud of how hard we played tonight."

The title was the third state championship for Slayton who won two state titles with Salmen in Slidell in 1996 and 1997. The 2004 championship is also the third state title for the Hancock Lady Hawks program.

Also, the Lady Hawks' win in the 5A final ended a run by Murrah coach Anna Jackson who was previously unbeaten in state title games at 6-0. Jackson is the only woman to win six state titles in any sport. That seventh state title will have to wait, courtesy of the Lady Hawks.

Congratulations to the 2004 Hancock Lady Hawks - Class 5A State Basketball Champions!

Our Lady Academy Lenten Dinner

Our Lady Academy will host a Lenten Dinner, sponsored by the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students and their parents, on Friday, March 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the lobby of the gym. The menu will consist of a fried shrimp or fried oyster dinner with hush puppies, salad, and dessert. The cost of the dinner is \$6.00. Take outs will be available.

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Sunset - 226 Sunset, 304 Cherry Lane - 330 Cherry Lane. You may be without water until we have completed the maintenance. When the water comes back on you will need to boil the water. Lee Purvis, spokesperson for the water system, said this precautionary action is necessary because the system can lose pressure during this procedure.

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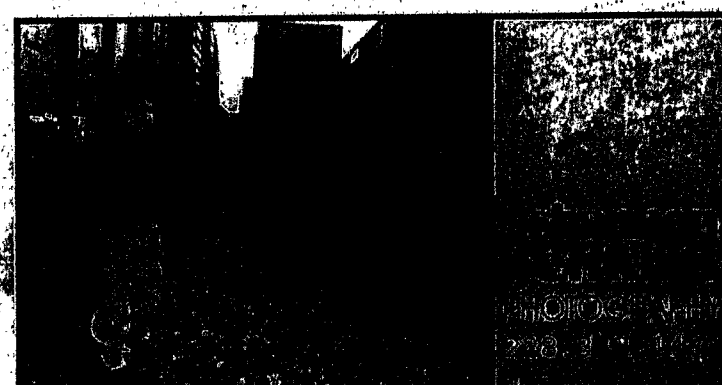
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Oyster industry, environmentalists concerned with Corps dam study

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Members of the oyster industry, who are concerned with degraded coastal waters, and environmentalists, concerned over the loss of wetlands and habitats for the endangered Gulf Sturgeon, are two of the groups who have shown concern over a proposed flood control project upstream on the Pearl River in the Jackson area just south of the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

The project, the two lakes project or the LeFleur Lakes project depending on who you ask, proposes build two lakes totaling an area of about 5,000 acres composed mainly of wetlands, said U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Vicksburg District Senior Project Manager Gary Walker on Monday. The lakes would be

constructed by flooding the areas with water from the Pearl River. Walker said that the project could have flood control benefits which is why the Corps became interested.

The project could also have enormous economic benefits for the private Jackson developers who originally came up with the idea.

Walker said the project was originally the idea of private developers and that typically, a side benefit of a project of this type could be waterfront development or recreational projects. The Corps' only interest is in the flood control aspects, Walker said. He could not name the developers.

The Corps is conducting a \$2.8 million feasibility study and draft environmental impact study in conjunction with the Rankin Hinds Pearl River Flood and

Drainage Control District, Walker said. The draft of the EIS should be available for public review by October of 2005, he said.

The entire study will encompass about two and a half years, and began last October, making for a possible finish date of February 2008, Walker said.

The study will take a look at possible down-stream impacts to the project. Walker says that the project is not a storage measure and should not impact the amount of flow down the Pearl, but some don't agree, saying that the project will reduce the amount of fresh water flowing into the Mississippi Sound.

This could degrade shrimp populations and oyster beds and impact endangered Sturgeon habitats. Walker said that realistically he doesn't think the project will narrow the flow of

the Pearl River. The project could have negative impacts on the LeFleur State Park, he said.

Until last week, when Representative Gene Taylor's office requested a hearing on the coast, no public hearings had been scheduled for the coast area on the project.

Last week's hearing was held in Biloxi. At that time environmental policy advisor to Taylor requested that the public comment period be extended from March 24 to April 8. LaGarde asked the Corps to consider the coast with future public meetings.

Written comments should be sent to: District Engineer ASAED, Vicksburg; Attention Ms. Karen Dove-Jackson, 4155 Clay St., Vicksburg, MS. 39183 or call Jackson at 601-631-7136 for more information.

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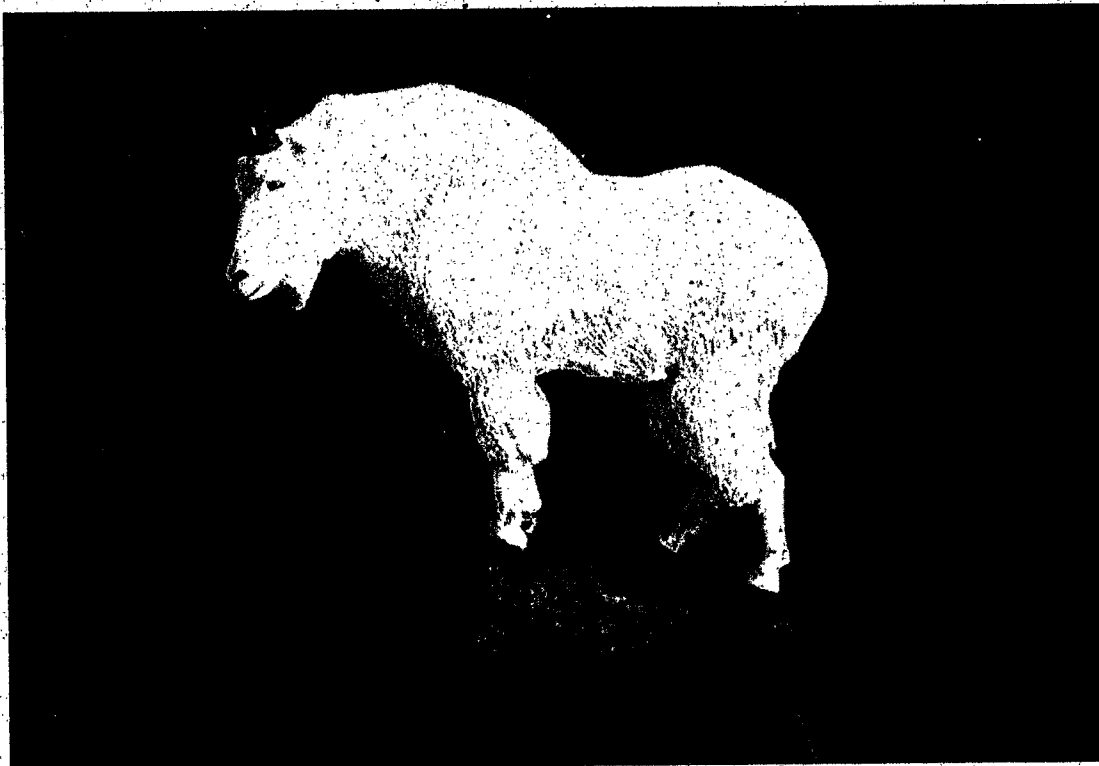
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WRANPS gets its goat



The Mississippi Wildlife Federation's Affiliate of the Year Award was recently presented to WRANPS. Below: Two baby opossums rescued by WRANPS volunteers.

Wildlife Rehab and Nature Preservation Society named MWF Affiliate of the Year

THE SEA COAST ECHO Dianne Hunt, president and chairwoman of the board of the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature Preservation Society (WRANPS) in Pass Christian, recently accepted the organization's award as the Mississippi Wildlife Federation's Affiliate of the Year.

WRANPS started on the coast in 1983, to provide professional rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife with the goal of returning them back to the wild. WRANPS soon realized that education must be at the forefront of their



efforts. With this in mind, WRANPS provides education programs using live wild animals for school children, civic clubs, scout troops, sheriff's camps and on television.

Last Year 30,000 people were reached with these programs. WRANPS answers between 30 and 40 phone calls per day from

concerned citizens and takes in an average of 2,000 wild animals yearly. Their newsletter, The Call, gives species profiles and continues the message that we can all work to preserve the habitats surrounding our lives. During the coming year they will be creating a state of the art coastal wildlife interpretive center.

Special Mass at Bay St. Louis St. Joseph Chapel this Friday

On the feast of St. Joseph, Friday March 19th, a special Mass will be celebrated by Father Tom White at 6:00pm in the St. Joseph

Chapel located in the Bay St. Louis Cedar Point area on Dunbar Avenue.

The St. Joseph Chapel, which was recently closed

because of lack of priests, is being opened for this very special feast-day Mass honoring St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus.

St. Joseph's Altar in honor of Patsy Koerner

The Koerner family will sponsor a St. Joseph's Altar at noon Friday at 10066 Paradise Lane in Bay St. Louis, in honor of the late Patsy Koerner.

Donations needed for Garcia St. Joe's Altar

Donations are needed for a St. Joseph's Altar on Friday, including seafood, paper products and volunteers. For more information, call Jeanne at 467-8322.

St. Joseph's Altar at McCordle home

Kay McCordle will sponsor a St. Joseph's Altar at her home at 410 S. Central Ave. in Waveland on Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Blessing is at 11 a.m.

Gathering of the Poets is Saturday

The annual spring Gathering of the Poets will be held in Bay St. Louis on March 20 at The Depot from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by MSPS (MS Poetry Society, southern branch). All poets are welcome to participate in the open mic, refreshments and prizes. For more information: Gail Molting 228-467-4398 or Brenda Finnegan 228-875-4350.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Champions!

Hail to the champs! Hancock High's Lady Hawks captured the Girl's 5-A basketball championship Saturday night in Jackson.

The high flying Lady Hawks dropped Murrah 60 to 46 in a game which Hancock took control of early and shut down a brief rally by Murrah in the fourth quarter.

Hancock's coach Pam Slayton needs to be very proud of her team, as this season they played as a team.

One of the very interesting aspects of the Lady Hawks too, is the fact that Superintendent Donald Kopf said on Monday. That is, team members are all A and B students, actually most of A students.

So academics are important to the young ladies too.

The past two years Murrah had eliminated Hancock, but, not in 2004, as Hancock is at the top of the pile.

Best of luck to all of the seniors at Hancock and I am sure the younger Lady Hawks will strive to be repeat champs.

One again, hail to the 2004 Hancock Lady Hawks, the 5-A State Basketball champs.

We need not to forget the Bay High Lady Tigers, who fell Friday in the state-finals 4-A basketball tournament.

Bay High had captured the 4-A title the past two years and need to be commented too on being a challenger for the title this year.

Like the Hancock game, I watched the Lady Tiger game on the

Educational Television channel.

It appeared to have been one of those nights when Bay High just could not get going against a tough Southeast Jones.

I am sure the Lady Tigers will be back again, as they really have a young team of which four of returning players were starters for the 2005 season.

You know something, between Bay High, Hancock High, St. Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy, Hancock County has a strong representation in collecting state champions in high school sports.

Hancock's four high schools in addition to academics, are also top in sporting activities.

Do not forget the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. this evening.

The big Block Party will take place in the second block of Main Street between Second and Toulme Streets.

There will be live entertainment, great foods and refreshments.

I hope to see you at the After Hours this evening.

The presence of law enforcement vehicles in Hancock County was very evident this week with the Bay St. Louis Police Department hosting the United States Police Canine Association 2004 National Detector Dog Trials.

Bay St. Louis needs to be commended as this is the first time for the big event to be hosted in Mississippi.

Barbour's Operation Streamline

Climbing out of Mississippi's \$700 million budget hole

When times were good Mississippi went on a spending spree. The Treasury budget, and every interest group got the money it requested from the Legislature. Prioritizing in state government wasn't seen as necessary; there was no "living within our means."

When tax revenues slowed, the state began raiding special accounts and using one-time money to plug the hemorrhaging of red ink. That worked for a

couple of years; but now the bill has come due and Mississippi finds itself in a \$700 million budget hole.

Mississippi did not get into this budget crisis overnight, and it will not be fixed overnight. After examining what I found upon arriving in office two months ago, I offered an honest, straightforward plan to eliminate our shortfall in two years. My plan, "Operation: Streamline" is based on simple principles:

No New Taxes

Mississippi already has

some of the highest taxes in the South, and raising those taxes (or "fees") even higher is not only bad for overtaxed Mississippians, it is an impediment to job creation. Besides, we're not in the worst financial shape in state history because we tax too little. It is because we spend too much. My budget

includes no new taxes, and I will veto any bill that raises state taxes. My definition of a new tax is anytime more taxpayers pay to the state government in exchange for no increase in state services.

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BARBOUR-5A

FROM THE GOVERNOR

By Gov. Haley Barbour

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Ordinary citizens left out of political process

Dear Mr. Ponder:
This is like a chain letter.

Ms. Langen's response to Mr. Stewart's previous letter was full of historical inaccuracies that continued to bother me for 48 hours, so here goes: FDR made his "day that will live in infamy" speech before Congress Dec. 8, 1941, calling for a declaration of war against Japan. Congress obliged. He ran for, and was reelected to a third term, November 1940, before we were at war.

In November 1944, he was reelected to a fourth term during the war and campaigned on the platform that we should keep him as commander-in-chief. The war in Europe ended May 8, 1945, shortly after he died.

President Truman led us to a successful conclusion of the war against Japan.

I agree that "ordinary citizens" through "courage, sweat, blood and sacrifice" make it possible for us to win wars which are declared by Congress, but some are fought anyway even though Congress doesn't declare war and the President doesn't have the power to declare war.

All military actions since World War II represent the Congress giving its power to the Executive Branch via resolution--to carry out "police actions."

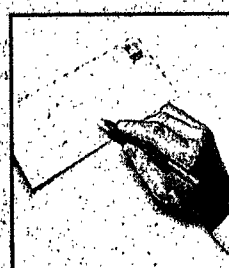
I agree that Mr. Bush will have to run on his record as has been true.

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Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Looking good

Dear Editor:
My husband and I have visited Bay St. Louis/Waveland almost every winter for the past six years because our son and his family are residents here. We have grown to love this special, historic place!

As we drove in to town this year, we noticed that the area appeared livelier and much tidier than during our previous visits.

We again walked the beach path, one of our traditional pleasures here,

and found it nearly free of trash! In the past, our walks had always included bringing bags and filling them with trash each day as we walked.

And your bike and hike trail along the beach is a delight. We think it is getting quite a bit of use, and that it adds considerably to the pleasure of visiting this area.

Congratulations on the pleasant improvements your cities are creating!

Sincerely,
Alison Puffer

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Barbour's Operation Streamline

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not realize that the Governor controls only a small part of the Executive Branch.

I have authority to appoint leaders at just 10 departments and agencies, but no authority to reorganize them.

To save money and to increase efficiency, I have asked the Legislature for the authority for one year to streamline the agencies that report to me.

This would allow Executive Directors to efficiently respond to changes in service demands, technology, and budget constraints by "smart-sizing" state government at a lower cost to the taxpayer. There is so much duplication in state government that just a minor consolidation of services would save millions.

One cost-saving plan would actually be a benefit to state employees. I want to give state employees more health insurance options, including a no-premium option, to enable them to choose the health coverage, which works best for them while decreasing the overall burden of health insurance costs on our taxpayers.

All state workers get the same one size fits all health insurance coverage. Giving additional options to state employees and teachers whose different ages, incomes and situations call for different types of insur-

"Mississippians have to make responsible choices when they budget around their kitchen tables. It's time state government learned to do that, too."

Gov. Haley Barbour

ance coverage is the right thing to do. If we do not reform the health plan, the program will go broke by the fall.

No "Funny Money Accounting"

Mississippi has a spending problem, and the first step in solving a problem is admitting you have it. I want to confront this problem with honest budgeting. Some have advocated simply raising the revenue estimate - or the prediction of how much money the state expects to take in - to fix our budget problems. But this is like buying a car you can't afford because you just

pretend that more money will materialize. This type of "funny money accounting" is one of the ways state government got into this mess in the first place.

While I hope more revenue will materialize, revenue collections in recent months do not provide evidence to increase the growth estimate at this time. The budget must be based on honest numbers and not funny money. The worst thing would be for the budget to include money that won't materialize so that cuts must be made during the year.

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Teachers/Education

My budget eliminates the proposed additional cuts to Universities and Community Colleges - which have been slashed over one hundred million dollars in recent years while their student population has increased.

This proposal was the largest spending increase in my budget. As for kindergarten through 12th grade, I accepted the funding level unanimously recommended by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

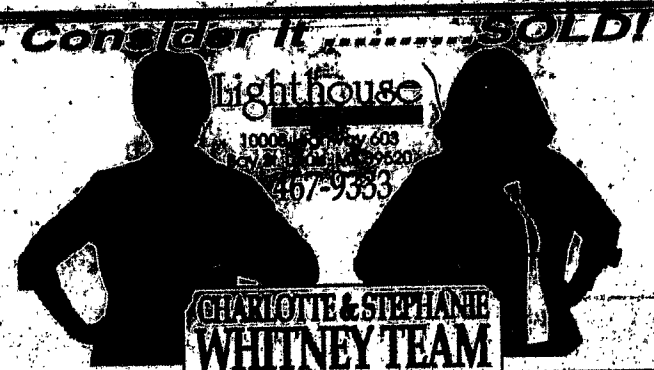
It specifically included money for next year's teacher pay raise, as did my budget. I believe funding for education must continue to be the top funding priority of state government.

That is why I am committed to working with the Legislature to find more money for K-12 education.

Call Your Legislator at 601-359-3770

Mississippians have to make responsible choices when they budget around their kitchen tables. It's time state government learned to do that, too.

I hope you'll support me on no new taxes, on controlling spending, on using honest budgeting and on setting priorities like education. If we do these things, Mississippi will do better for years to come.

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of an previous presidents who have run for reelection. I also agree that what Mr. Bush did or did not do militarily during the Vietnam conflict, or what Mr. Kerry did or did not do at that time should not present a double standard.

Their 1960s behavior during a war that would have been avoided if Chicago had not determined that the Democratic electors for the state of Illinois would select JFK rather than Republican electors picking Mr. Nixon in a race decided much like that of 2000.

Mr. Bush's prior drinking habits should not be an issue. His claiming to be a "born-again" Christian should not be an issue. What he has said and actions he has taken as president should provide adequate bases for the voters to decide in November.

It is likely that the voters will vote against a candidate rather than for one. That is sad, but negativity in long campaigns builds as the months pass between now and November.

It certainly would be nice if the two major parties provided candidates to vote for. Maybe rank and file party members would have a voice in primaries as they were supposed to if all were held on the first Monday after the first Tuesday in May, six months before the general election in November, instead of allowing nonrepresentative states, voting before the snow melts, tell the rest of us who we should support.

We might as well return to those "smoke filled rooms of yesteryear" and allow the party bosses to select a candidate!

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We applaud Representative Upshaw for her courageous fight. She needs to know her brave actions are fully appreciated by her local constituents. Please take a moment out of your day to say THANK YOU to this legislator.

*You can contact her at the Capitol at 601-359-3770 (ask to be transferred to the House Desk on the third floor to relay the message).

*You can fax Representative Upshaw at 601-359-3728.

*You can email your Legislator at jupshaw@mail.house.state.ms.us.

Ending lawsuit abuse is paramount to creating a business climate in our state where job creation can flourish. Everyone pays for lawsuit abuse-EVEN YOU. In 2002, lawsuit costs ("lawsuit abuse tax") equaled \$809 per person or \$3,236 per family of four. Medical Malpractice costs equaled to \$85 per person or \$340 per family of four. At this rate of increase, tort costs could approach \$1,003 per person by 2005. If we allow lawsuit abuse to continue, we will

- *scare away jobs and new businesses
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Let Representative Upshaw know what a great job she is doing!

Sincerely,

Lex Taylor
Chairman of the Board
Mississippians for Economic Progress

Mississippians for Economic Progress is Mississippi's leading tort reform group uniting hundreds of professional/trade/medical associations, businesses, as well as individual citizens who are committed to fairness and balance to our legal system.

Supers eye higher building permit fees

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Building official Mickey Lagasse asked Supervisors to consider raising some fees for permits Wednesday. Lagasse asked that the fee for permits for mining operations in the Buffer Zone be raised \$500 for operations involving 5 acres or less and to \$1,000 for operations involving more than five acres. Supervisors voted three to two to raise fees with District 5 Supervisor Jay Cuevas and District 1 Supervisor David Yarborough voting against the raises. The two said people who owned property in the Buffer Zone had already lost enough money paying

taxes on land that had limited use.

Supervisors also plan a workshop to discuss other fees at the permit office. Most county fees for building permits were set in 1977, when flood control regulations came in to the county, said Lagasse. People owning property above I-10 and out of the flood zone typically pay about \$40 for a building permit for residential buildings. People living below I-10 typically pay a per square foot fee for the same structures.

This means that a person building a 3,000 square foot house in the north county would pay \$40 for a permit and a person in the south county could pay \$300 to

\$350 for a permit. Lagasse said the flood zone permits require one additional inspection and the need to look for additional safety measures, such as making sure that no bathrooms, bedrooms or electrical outlets are installed below the flood plain levels. Supervisors will look at regulating the fee structure in a workshop with the Planning and Zoning Board after their meeting scheduled for April 15.

Planning and Zoning meetings will now begin at 4:15 p.m. rather than 4 p.m.

In other business: • Chris LaGarde, representative for U.S. Representative Gene Taylor said that a three acre plot of

land located on the Rocky Hill Dedeaux Rd. and titled to the Federal government has gone through a process to release it for donation. Supervisors will request that the property be titled to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors. Currently a 911 tower and a water tower belonging to the Kiln District are on the property.

• Johnny Grandison, a representative from the Mobile District U.S. Corps of Engineers, asked Supervisors to request \$458,000 in federal funding to finish a study on a seawall project being conducted by the Corps for the county. The funding would allow the Corps to complete the

study in 2005 in time for a 2006 construction funding bill. The study was originally slated to be finished in 2006, but would put the county behind for beginning construction on the 2006 bill. The next construction bill would not come up until 2008. The request would not result in any expense to the county.

• Comptroller Patty Greer Hammons turned in her resignation effective April 2. Hammons has been with the county for 11 years. She is leaving to take a job as comptroller for Jackson County.

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Schools to name football field for Brett Favre

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Two special meetings of the Hancock County School Board covered a student uniform workshop and a football star earlier this week.

On Monday, the board met at 1 p.m. with school administrators to discuss the new student dress code for the 2004-2005 school year.

Board members addressed questions about some policy descriptions and encouraged faculty

members to offer suggestions on making the policy run smoothly once implemented.

At Tuesday morning's meeting, board members approved the recommendation to name the high school football field in honor of Brett Favre, a Kiln native and Green Bay Packers quarterback.

School district officials said the approval is pending the recommendation of an official name and resolution, which is scheduled for the April 1 school board

meeting.

The board voted 3-1 with Larry Peterson voting against naming the field. Cheryl Bennett was absent due to work.

The naming of the field was brought to the board during the March 4 regular meeting.

Beth Seymour, an organizer of the First Annual Brett Favre Spring Jamboree, proposed the idea to the board in hopes of having the field named in Favre's honor in time for the May 7-8 event.

On May 7, an invitation-only "patron" reception will be held at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, allowing Favre and guests to socialize and celebrate the quarterback's accomplishments.

A football jamboree featuring the Hancock Hawks and other area high schools is scheduled for Saturday, March 8.

For more information about this event, contact Rocky Gaudin at 228-467-2972 or Beth Seymour at 228-467-0244 or 228-255-8086.

Don't miss 'Paws on Parade' in Waveland

Mark your calendar now for "Paws on Parade," pet parade and festival, sponsored by the Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County.

This year's event takes place on Saturday, March 20. The parade starts at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park at Beach Blvd. and Coleman Ave. in Waveland. The event will include a Blessing of the Animals, followed by the parade at the soccer field; contests; prizes & games; pet photographs; agility

demonstrations; breed rescues; and much, much more.

Entry fee is \$7 for the first animal, and \$5 for each additional one, when you pre-register at Bookends Book Store, the Purple Snapper, Pet Haven Veterinary Clinic, all in Bay St. Louis; or at That Cute Little Shop in Waveland, or by mail. Pre-registration will end Wednesday, March 17. Entry for registration the day of the parade is \$10, and will be held from 9:30-10:45 a.m. before the parade.

'Paws in the Pass' or 'A walk in the bark!'

The Humane Society of South Mississippi will host its third Annual "Paws in the Pass!" this Saturday, March 20 at the War Memorial Park on Scenic Drive in Pass Christian.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Pre-registration is \$15 for the first dog. At the door, the cost is \$20 for the first dog, \$10 for the second dog, and \$5 for third dog and over.

The Doggie Parade

begins at 9:45 a.m. The famous Lilly-the paralyzed English Bulldog who has been such an inspiration will be the "Grand Marshal."

After the parade, there will be music, games, contests, food, and fun for everyone.

All proceeds to benefit the Humane Society of South Mississippi. For more information, contact Cynthia Tanner at 863-4394.

Leetown Athletic Assoc. sign-ups

The Leetown Athletic Association will host baseball registration this Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, at Leetown Field. For more

information, call Lynn at 601-798-1305.

Krewe of Peter Claver Lenten catfish dinners

The Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver will sponsor fried catfish dinners on Friday, March 19 and 26 and April 2, under the St. Rose Church Pavilion. Plates will be available for lunch and dinner for a \$5 donation. Dine in or carry out. For delivery, call 669-4400 or 467-1651.

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Tracks -- Bay to fight closure

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with reasons the crossings should stay open at Citizen, Sycamore and Toulme streets. At the same time, there was much speculation about the motive behind the push by CSX and Mississippi Department of Transportation officials who want to close the crossings. That speculation included a presumed CSX desire to park long trains on the tracks, move at higher speeds through town, and lower its insurance rates.

One man predicted "chaos" in traffic would result. The mayor and every member of city Council couldn't have agreed more, and urged the citizens to write and telephone MDOT Commissioner Wayne Brown. He's a key elected official, Mayor Eddie Favre stressed several times during the meeting.

Council members agreed to leave copies of the pertinent mailing addresses and phone numbers at the front desk at City Hall Annex on Court Street.

Bay St. Louis' three crossings in peril are among 30 on the Mississippi coast targeted by MDOT and CSX. In a meeting last month with city administrators, CSX was "very adamant" that their plan would prevail, city officials say.

It's not the first time that track crossings have been targeted by CSX in Bay St. Louis. About 10 years ago, the rail company tried to force the city to close five crossings, during negotiations for city purchase of the old CSX Depot. That attempt sputtered to a halt, however, when citizens turned out in a massive protest and MDOT backed down.

In more recent times, CSX has used its clout to push for closings by threatening to withhold right-of-

way for the city's drainage improvement program and the bike path.

Bay St. Louis has 10 track crossings, but only three of them have full crossing warnings, with lights, bells and crossbars. Those include Beach Boulevard and Bookter Street. Only a few weeks ago, CSX put up the full protections at Webb Street, which was the site of a multiple fatality several years ago.

Two crossings, at Sycamore and Second streets, have only warning lights.

Five others have no warnings aside from stop signs.

As a lure to agree to the current proposal, CSX says it will upgrade the warnings at St. Charles, Ballentine, and Washington streets, at a cost of \$100,000 to \$120,000 each. In addition, the rail company says it may help with costs of building a new road parallel to the tracks to help connect the city's streets.

None of that, however, tempted the citizens or officials Tuesday. CSX should upgrade all the crossings' warnings anyway, said Mayor Eddie Favre. And putting a parallel road along the tracks would place it virtually in residents' bedroom windows, the mayor warned.

Favre said he and Third Ward council member Tom Farve have met with state Rep. J.P. Compretta and Sen. Scottie Cuevas, finding both of them firmly opposed to the crossing closure proposal.

But he repeatedly urged citizens to contact those officials with letters, phone calls and petitions — and to make sure the city gets a copy of any written protests.

MDOT will have the final say, because under state law

that agency may close any crossing it wishes, after a public hearing. It also has the power to order warning signals at train crossings.

Favre said the city police and fire department officials are documenting all the potential problems of having to do without the three crossings now at issue. He said in one scenario fire trucks would be forced to back up to exit a dead-end street. A Head Start bus driver said she would have to back up to collect her pre-schoolers along Citizen and Sycamore streets, because she wouldn't be able to turn around if the rail crossings were closed.

While area citizens have been gathering petitions for the fight, meanwhile, CSX has been re-doing rail beds — and some crossing approaches — around town.

But that work has left the Ballentine Street crossing so narrow, it's unlikely that two cars could be on it at the same time, said at-large council member Bill Taylor.

Sycamore Street residents, meanwhile, said the three churches on that street generate traffic for religious services, marriages and funerals. "It just can't happen," said Ruth Davis of the closing proposal.

Some questioned the motives behind the closing proposal, suggesting that CSX really wants to have long stretches of open track so it can park more trains without having to worry about blocking intersections.

As it is, parked trains block St. Charles Street regularly, motorists said.

Connie Payne Lampley, former Third Ward council member, presented council with a stack of petition signatures and said she's only

begin to gather them from area residents in the area that would be impacted.

And the mayor suggested it's a citywide concern too, and calling for a citywide response.

Closing the tracks at Toulme, the mayor and council noted, would bring havoc for school-related traffic. St. Stanislaus, Bay Catholic and Second Street Elementary schools all generate traffic over the tracks at that location, officials noted.

Favre said the city will be armed with its documentation for the upcoming public hearing, along with a map that will show all of the crossings and their proximity to schools, churches, businesses, and emergency workers.

He encouraged residents, meanwhile, to keep gathering petitions and contacting Brown and the legislative delegation. "The more the merrier," Favre advised.

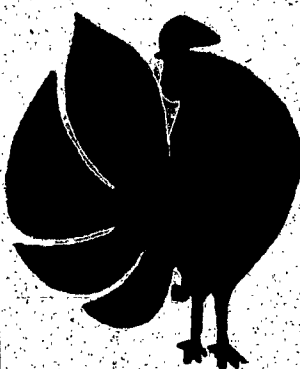
Tuesday's turnout was largely generated by Lampley and Sycamore Street resident Sandra Price, both of whom say they're working with residents of the entire area to oppose the closings.

No representatives from CSX or MDOT were present, but they had previously taken their case to a meeting of city officials. Second Ward council member Jim Thrifflay III characterized that meeting as a "typical bureaucratic" session, with seven or eight transportation engineers on hand. "I said, 'Y'all have got your work cut out for you if you're going to try to do this,'" Thrifflay said.

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NASA -- shared services

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The facility promises to bring about 470 new jobs sporting salaries which will average in the \$60,000 range, say Stennis officials. On hand to hear the Stennis proposal was NASA director Sean O'Keefe and a host of other NASA officials including new director Tom Donaldson.

The center will combine services currently offered at each of ten facilities into one central facility. The services include human resources, information technology services, procurement, and financial services. Combining these services will cut costs for NASA and taxpayers, said O'Keefe.

Six of the ten NASA centers have submitted proposals including Kennedy Space Center in Florida, Glen Research Center in Ohio, Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama, Johnson Space Flight Center in Houston, and Langley in Virginia. Officials will have visited all the centers by the end of this week and

O'Keefe said NASA plans to make a decision on a location this year.

The Stennis facility proposal includes a \$21 million, 135,000 square ft. building to be constructed in phases, with the first phase ready by 2005 and complete by 2008. By that time the center is expected to add a \$30 million payroll to the area.

Mississippi is proposing to invest \$20,905,000 in the project which it will recoup within five years through the payroll impact on sales tax revenues and through lease payments on the facility. Initially the startup cost for NASA will be zero.

The state of Louisiana is proposing to contribute \$1 million to be used specifically for workforce training, said Hutchinson. About 1,000 Louisiana residents make up just under a quarter of the 4,500 employees at the facility. He said that Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco saw this as just one more opportunity to partner with Stennis and

believed that Stennis should be aggressive and competitive in vying for the facility. Barbour said he was delighted that Louisiana would contribute to the venture. Barbour also touted the unique quality of life that would be afforded to employees working at the resource center. They will have the opportunity to live in the city of New Orleans if they choose, along the Gulf Coast or in one of the many rural areas surrounding the Stennis area, he said, offering a wide choice of lifestyles and easy access to the facility.

Low labor costs in the area, the advantage of lowering life cycle costs for security, fire protection etc. among 30 shared tenant agencies, the energy efficient design of the proposed facility, frequent upgrades to the information technology infrastructure, and an uninterrupted power system are other advantages touted by the Stennis facility.

Bust -- oxycontin

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"We secured a search warrant for Chester's residence, as we had it under surveillance for several months and secured enough evidence for a warrant to be issued," Karl said.

Chris Russell, lead agent in the arrest said, "We seized over 30 pills which we believe are Oxycontin. The search warrant was signed by Justice Court Judge Jay Lagasse."

"You know, we had several complaints about possible drug activities at Chester's residence. This information was very important to have been received by the Narcotics Division," Karl emphasized.

Karl continued, "The Hancock County Narcotics Division checks out all complaints received. Sometimes things can come together in

a few days and other times it may take months. Yet, we urge all residents to report to us any and all possible drug activities in their neighborhoods, for sure they will be checked by our agents."

In addition to Karl and Russell, Agent Clifton (Bubba) Malley and Agent Johnny Alison, were assisted by Investigators John

Luther and Deron Cuevas, Deputy Lt. Ron Borja and Deputy Sgt. Push Phillips in making the arrest.

On Friday morning, Russell said, "The case is still be further investigated."

Karl said anyone with information on possible drug activities in their area may call 228-467-1496, 228-467-5101, or 601-798-8555.

Chamber 'After Hours'

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours block party in Old Town Bay St. Louis is set for today from 5-7 p.m. on Main Street between Second and Toulme. The event is sponsored by Charbonnet & Charbonnet, Clay Creations, Pest Control Specialists, Southern Title, The Checkered Cupboard, The Kid Company and The Sycamore House. Music provided by Class Distinction. There will be food and drinks at each merchant location.

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CHARLES MUSE
JAMES SIMMONS
BILL TWIGGS
AMELIA WESCOVICH

HENRY BURAS
Henry F. Buras, Jr. 73, of Bay St. Louis died Tuesday, March 16, 2004 in Bay St. Louis.

He was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a gauge controller for Packard Oil Company. He was of the Catholic faith and was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Bay St. Louis.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry F. Buras Sr. and Hilda Conway Buras, and a sister, Floramae Buras.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Henderson Buras of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Yolanda Ann Franklin of Bay St. Louis; two sisters, Merle B. Scarable of Bay St. Louis and Joyce B. Clark of Buras, La.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 19, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. The Prayer service will follow at 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be private.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

AUBREE CUEVAS
Infant Girl Aubree Frances Cuevas of Waveland died Saturday, March 13, 2004, in Bay St. Louis.

She is preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Frances Necaise.

Survivors include parents, Rusty Cuevas and Hope Necaise, Cuevas of Waveland; brother, Cameron Cuevas of Gulfport; sister, Cami Cuevas of Gulfport; maternal grandfather, James Necaise of Waveland; paternal grandparents, Jimmie Dale and Minnie Lou Cuevas of Pass Christian.

The graveside service will be held Thursday, March 18, at 11 a.m. at the Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis. Interment will follow.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in

charge of the arrangements.

KATHLEEN DESCHAMP
Kathleen A. Deschamp, 48, of Pass Christian died Sunday, March 14, 2004, in Kiln.

Ms. Deschamp was a native and lifelong resident of Pass Christian and was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Ms. Deschamp was preceded in death by her brother and best friend, Ruben Deschamp Jr.

Survivors include her son, Roland Deschamp, and her angel, Pam Marisco, of Kiln; parents, Ruben and Mary Ann Deschamp Sr. of Pass Christian; brother, Benford Deschamp of Pass Christian; four sisters, Karen Pace of Poplarville, Andrea Winstead of Ocean Springs, Diana Sue Deschamp and Merith Ann Lewis, both of Pass Christian; six nephews, six nieces, four great-nieces and nine great-nephews.

Visitation was held March 16 at the Dedeaux School in Dedeaux community. A prayer service followed with burial in Standard Sand Hill Cemetery.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

ALICE HALSELL
Alice Halsell, 58, a native of Gulfport and resident of Pass Christian died March 12, 2004, in Pass Christian.

She was a member of Com-Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. She attended North Gulfport High School and was a graduate of nursing from Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, she worked in the field for over 15 years.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Dave and Mary Halsell of (Turkey Creek) Gulfport, and brothers, David Halsell, Joseph Halsell, Edward Halsell and Daniel Halsell.

Her survivors include her son, Rev. Aubrey Brickey of Katy, Texas; her brothers, Willie Halsell of Midway, Ga., Richard Halsell of Delaware, Ohio, and Robert Halsell and Nathaniel Halsell of Pass Christian and Cecil Halsell of Midway, Ga.; her sisters, Thelma Clark, Houston, Texas, Mary Halsell, Clinton, Bertha Halsell of Pass Christian and Gloria Halsell of Lawrenceville, Ga.; an aunt, Bernice Caldwell of Gulfport (Turkey Creek); one daughter-in-law, Kim Brickey; and three granddaughters, Jasmine, Abriana and Alyssa Brickey of Katy, Texas, and several nieces,

nephews and grandnieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at the J. T. Hall Funeral Home chapel. Funeral services were Wednesday, March 17, in the chapel. Burial was in Pine Ridge Gardens in Gulfport.

MARJORIE JOHNSON
Marjorie Merline Johnson, 64, of Waveland died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, in New Orleans.

She was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. She was a member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry Allday and Mary Schrimpsire Allday, and sisters and brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas "Dale" Johnson Sr. of Waveland; four daughters, Debra J. Theall of Kenner, La., Cynthia P. Johnson of Metairie, La., Elizabeth "Liz" J. Renz of Waveland, and Rhonda J. Lane of Denton, Md.; a son, Thomas Dale Johnson Jr. of Lakeshore; two brothers, J. W. Allday of New Orleans and Alonzo Allday of Gonzales, La.; nine grandchildren, Chantel Mehrrens, Michelle Theall, Archie Arnouville, Lauren Renz, Donnie Renz, Andrew Johnson, Laura Johnson, Jordan Lane and Caitlyn Lane; and a great granddaughter, Victoria Mehrrens.

Visitation was held Wednesday, March 17, at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. The procession will leave the Funeral Home on Thursday, March 18, at 11:30 a.m. for a Mass of Christian Burial at noon at St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. Interment will follow in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

LONNIE LIZANA
Lonnie Gene Lizana, 57, of Kiln died Tuesday, March 16, 2004 in Bay St. Louis.

He was a native of Bay St. Louis. He was a barber and a member of St. Matthews Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Ethel Lizana; brothers, Howard and Preston Lizana; and a sister, Linda Cox.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane Lizana; two sons, Joseph and Dustin Lizana, both of Kiln; one daughter, Margaret Pavolini of Pass Christian; two sisters, Lois Mitchell of Gautier and Louise Brewer of Gulfport; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 18, between 6 and 10 p.m. at St. Matthews Catholic Church.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 19, at 11 a.m. in the St. Matthews Catholic Church. Burial will be in Necaise Crossing Cemetery. The Rev. Fr. Noel Fannon will officiate at the services. The family prefers memorials be made to the St. Matthews Catholic Church Building Fund. McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune is in charge of the arrangements.

CHARLES MUSE
Charles Fredrick Muse, 71, of Picayune died Friday, March 12, 2004, in Slidell, La.

He was a native of New Orleans. He was retired from Headrick Signs as a billboard poster. He was a member of the Solid Rock Church, a U.S. Army Veteran and a Scout Master for over 30 years for Troop 216 and in Picayune.

He is preceded in death by a daughter, Denise Page. Survivors include his wife, Kristine Muse of Picayune; a son, Ricky Laterrade of Laurel; four daughters, Louise Moreno of Houston, Texas; Krystal Muse of Louisiana; Kay Holloway of Collin; Gina Walters of Ellisville; two

step-daughters, Nancy Tripkovich of Lafayette, La., and Linda Forester of Bush, La.; his mother, Mary Collein of Biloxi; 20 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 16, at Solid Rock Church in Picayune. Burial was in the Waveland Cemetery.

Rev. Joe Kiley officiated at the services.

Picayune Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

JAMES SIMMONS
James Donald Simmons, 61, of Kiln died Friday, March 12, 2004, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Simmons was a native of Andalusia, Ala., and retired from the U.S. Navy after 26 years service.

Mr. Simmons was preceded in death by his parents, James Claude and Nellie Adkins Simmons; two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie Simmons; two sons, Donald Wayne Simmons and wife, Angela; Rand Simmons and wife, Mandy; two daughters, Sandy Holke and husband, Justin; and Donna Cameron and husband, Tim, all of Kiln; one brother, Danny Simmons of Long Beach; seven grandchildren, Jonathan Cameron, Joley Cameron, Cody Page, James Holke, Kimberly Simmons, Randy Simmons Jr. and Olivia Simmons.

Visitation was Sunday, March 14, 2004, at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. The funeral services were held Monday, March 15, in the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in Standard Sand Hill Cemetery in Kiln.

BILL TWIGGS
Bill Twiggs, 67, of Kiln died Saturday, March 13, 2004, in Biloxi.

Mr. Twiggs was born in Dawsonville, Ga., and had been a resident of the Coast since 1972. He was a Seabee in the United States Navy where he retired as a senior chief. He was a Protestant.

Mr. Twiggs was preceded in death by his parents, Harley and Susan Twiggs; and by two sisters, Mae Cannon and Christine Bannister.

He is survived by his wife, Libby Twiggs of Gulfport; one daughter, Susan Hogan of Gulfport; one son, William "Bill" Twiggs and his wife, Clarice, of Warrensburg, Mo.; two sisters, Martha Kendall and Maude Twiggs, both of Gainesville, Ga.; and a grandson, Timothy Hogan of Gulfport.

Visitation was held Monday, March 15, and services were held Tuesday, March 16, at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home on O'Neal Road in Orange Grove. The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society, 417 Security Square, Gulfport, MS 39507, or one's favorite charity.

AMELIA WESCOVICH
Amelia Wescovich, 65, of Gulfport died March 14, 2004, in Gulfport. She was a faithful member of the 700 Club.

Mrs. Wescovich was preceded in death by her husband, Buddy Wescovich; her brothers, Ervin Storey and John "Pokey" Storey; and her sisters, Mona McGowan and Marie Moran; and her parents, John Edward and Ethel Storey.

She is survived by three daughters, Charlotte "Chenoa" Stewart of Biloxi, Sharon Pendleton of Colton, Calif., and Beth Clardy of Sioux Falls, S.D.; five grandchildren, Chris Kontur of Twin Falls, Minn., Greg Coats of Bell Flower, Calif., Jeff Kontur of Biloxi, Ashley Coats of Downey, Calif., and Dylan Kenny of Colton, Calif.; four great grandchildren, Aubrey Coats of Bellflower, Calif., Candice Kontur and Colby Kontur, both of Biloxi, and Tyler Clardy of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and seven sisters, Alice Eng of Gulfport, Peggy Fallon of Brandon, Louise Storey of Biloxi, Betty Moran of Long

Beach, Jean Cook of Biloxi, Eva Mezzio of Gulfport and Mary Pender of Ethel; and a brother, John "Little Eddie" Storey of Pass Christian.

Visitation was held Monday at the Gulfport Chapel of Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Homes. The funeral service was held Tuesday at

the Bradford O'Keefe Chapel. Burial was in Evergreen Gardens Cemetery in Gulfport.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Kennedy to manage new Waveland Peoples Bank

Basil Kennedy, a 27-year banking veteran in Hancock County, has been named vice president and manager of The Peoples Bank branch in Waveland, announced Chevis C. Swetman, chairman and CEO of the bank.

The new Peoples Bank branch, scheduled to open in October, will be located at 478 U.S. Highway 90 just west of Highway 603 and in front of the new Super Wal-Mart. The 2,350-square-foot building will include two drive-up teller lanes, a 24-hour drive-up ATM and an after-hours depository. In addition, the branch will offer customers approximately 140 safe deposit boxes.

"We could not have found a better person to manage our new Waveland branch when it opens," said Swetman. "Basil Kennedy is widely recognized as one of the leading bankers in Hancock County, and we're delighted to have him on the Peoples Bank team," added Swetman.

"In a very real way, opening this branch in Waveland is like a homecoming for me," said Kennedy. "In 1977 I returned to the Gulf Coast to work for Gulf National Bank, which later merged with The Peoples Bank. I'm proud and excited to be joining the great team at The Peoples Bank again," he added.

Kennedy's most recent position was Community Bank president of Union Planters Bank in Bay St. Louis, a position he held since 1995. Before then, he was president of Financial Services Corporation of Bay St. Louis and earlier served as vice president of commercial lending for the former Deposit Guaranty Bank in Gulfport. He began his

career in banking at Hibernia National Bank in New Orleans as a commercial lending officer.

He earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of New Orleans and a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Mississippi. He also graduated from the School of Banking of the South.

He currently is a board member and former president of Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and Christmas

in April. In addition, he has previously served on the boards of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, the Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation, the American Cancer Society-Hancock County, Bay St. Louis Development Foundation and the Mississippi

Council. Kennedy is also active in sailing on the Gulf Coast. He is a former commodore of the Gulf Yachting Association, the Mississippi Coast Yachting Association and Bay Waveland Yacht Club.

Founded in 1896, The Peoples Bank totaled \$575 million in assets as of December 31, 2003, and currently operates 15 full service branches and 49 ATMs along the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Hancock, Harrison, Jackson and Stone counties. The Peoples Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Peoples Financial Corporation, listed on the NASDAQ Small Cap Market under the symbol PFBX. Additional information is available on the Internet at www.thepeoples.com.

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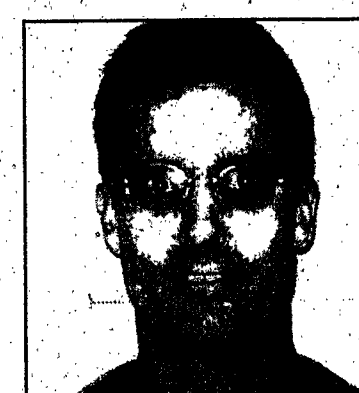
Cellular South extends local calling area, names Reynolds area manager

Cellular South has announced that Richard Reynolds has been named Area Manager for South Mississippi. This area includes the markets of Gulfport, Biloxi, Ocean Springs, Pascagoula, Bay St. Louis, Hattiesburg, Laurel and Picayune, Natchez, Brookhaven and McComb.

A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, Reynolds has served as Market Manager for the Biloxi and Gulfport markets since May 2003 and has served as Market Manager of Gulfport since 1999.

A Gulfport resident, Reynolds serves on the Board and Education Committee of the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Gulf Coast, Gulfport and Orange Grove/Lyman Chambers of Commerce, Orange Grove/Lyman Rotary Club and Trinity United Methodist Church in Gulfport. Reynolds also coaches for Bayou View T-Ball League and Harrison County Soccer Club.

Cellular South, one of the nation's largest privately held wireless companies, has announced the completion of a \$38 million expansion and upgrade of its third generation (3G) wireless network, which also includes more than 100 new cell sites throughout the company's wireless net-



RICHARD REYNOLDS

work.

This expansion extends its CDMA 1X local calling area from Memphis to Destin/Seaside, Fla. Cellular South has now invested approximately \$260 million on its network over the last five years to increase coverage and upgrade to the latest wireless technology.

Cellular South's network features advanced Code-Division Multiple Access 1XRTT (CDMA 1X) technology. CDMA 1X is a third-generation (3G) digital wireless technology that significantly increases capacity for voice and data traffic, allowing the company to offer its Unlimited Anytime Calling plan that includes unlimited anytime minutes for a flat rate.



Grand opening

Full Moon Clock Works, 301 Railroad Avenue at Toulme, Bay St. Louis recently celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting. In attendance were Tish Williams, Frances Graves, Paul Downs, owner Theresa Downs, Eve Downs, Missy McDonald and others. The new business repairs and sells clocks and is open Tuesday through Friday, noon-5 p.m. (Echo photo by Cecilia Howe)

Houses passes bill for Stennis funding

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—A bill that allows the state to borrow \$19.5 million for the construction of a 125,000-square-foot facility at Stennis Space Center is an investment that could lead to a large NASA project in Mississippi, lawmakers say.

The House passed the proposal on Friday.

It is expected to help Stennis Space Center in Hancock County compete for the NASA Shared Services Center, which would consolidate the agency's human resources, purchasing and other nationwide operations.

The House action is just days before NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe is scheduled to visit Stennis Space Center to learn more about a Stennis proposal to house Shared Services in Mississippi.

The bill, authored by Rep. Dirk Deddeaux, D-Sellers, passed by a 120-1 vote. A similar proposal has also passed the Senate.

"This project is significant in that it will elevate Stennis in the long term as a nucleus for more proliferation in aeronautics and space," Deddeaux said. "By being able to present Sean O'Keefe with bills passed by both the House and Senate, we should be able to prove to him beyond any doubt that the state of Mississippi is willing to come to the table and do whatever's necessary to bring this project to Mississippi."

"We feel that Stennis has an excellent project they are organizing," said Rep. Bobby Howell, R-Kilmichael. "We believe that Mississippi is in the top three in the running for this selection."

The bill would authorize bonds to pay for the 125,000-square-foot building at Stennis to house Shared Services.

This would require local governments to come up with at least \$2.5 million for the construction.

Howell said the state is also continuing to negotiate with St. Tammany Parish, La., to have local government there chip in on the project.

The Shared Services Center plan is part of President Bush's challenge to NASA and other agencies to cut spending as they increase their missions.

It would combine NASA's information technology,

human resources, procurement and finance functions to improve efficiency. The center would have 470 employees.

Howell told lawmakers that the state would see a "payback" on the bonds within five years from tax revenues. The center would pay the state rent of \$600,000 a year for the first five years, and then be renegotiated.

NASA requested proposals from all its field operations. The agency has not announced a list of finalists, but O'Keefe and Deputy Administrator Frederick Gregory are in the midst of site visits. O'Keefe will be at Stennis Space Center on Monday.

He previously visited Kennedy Space Center and Orlando, where local leaders hope to place the facility in a high-tech office park. O'Keefe is also slated to visit Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, next week.

Gregory was assigned to visit Johnson Space Center in Houston, Marshall Space Center in Huntsville, and Langley, Va.

NARFE to meet Tuesday

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1729, will have their luncheon on Tuesday, March 23rd at the Coast Inns and Suites (formerly the Holiday Inn) in Waveland on Hwy. 90 at 11:30 a.m. Members and all other Federal retirees are invited to attend. Kat Bergeron, reporter of the Sun Herald will be the speaker. For reservations, phone Amelia Killeen at 467-0589.

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"Picnic" centers around Madge, a small-town beauty queen who wants to be more than a pretty ornament.

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Cast members include Jacqueline Coale, Jesse DiGiacomo, Claire Dugger, Amanda Freeman, Gloria Gaines, Glenda O'Neal, Sharon Perez, Shari Prestemon, Bobby Ragno Jr., James Stephenson and Scott Stevenson.

Chuck White will direct

with Werner du Plessis on set design, Sharon Bush on lighting design and Ginny Russum on costume design.

Free hors d'oeuvres from Naomi's Catering will be available during the opening night reception at 7 p.m. on March 18.

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Pictured from left are performers Amanda Freeman, Bobby Ragno Jr. and Glenda O'Neal.

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Bay St. Louis Little Theatre News

CREATIVE GUILD:
The Creative Guild has been busy reviewing scripts to plan the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre's upcoming seasons.

If you are interested in being a part of the Creative Guild contact Stephanie Coker at 586-5574 or Glenda Schornick at 467-5326.

COMING

ATTORNEYS:
• "Fuddy Meers" - May 14, 15, 21, 22 at 8 p.m. and May 16 and 23 at 2 p.m. A rollicking comedy about a woman who wakes up every morning a complete amnesiac.

• Relay For Life - The theater will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life on May 27.

Volunteers are needed to walk during this very fun, night-time event. If you are interested, contact Sandy Reese at 466-2728.

• Summer Children's Theatre Program - The theater has partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to present the summer program at Second Street Elementary. More information about this program will be available in the future.

OTHER NEWS:
The Fund Raising Committee recently announce the completion of the grant application for the Mississippi Arts Association.

Special thanks to Claire Haun, Sandy Reese, Elaine Harter and other volunteers for their

work and dedication to this very important project.

Special thanks also to John Chaszar of Casino Magic who generously offered to contribute supplies and manpower for a much needed repair of our backstage area.

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre has announced the Chairish Our Theatre Campaign.

Contributions of \$150 are being taken to have a plaque with your message permanently attached to one of the new seats! Get yours now before they are gone.

Contact Claire Haun at 463-9793 or Sandy Reese at 466-2728.

Special thanks to Glen Vanderbeek and a group

of dedicated volunteers who completed installation of the new seats. These 8 rows of seats are larger and more comfortable and will be perfect for displaying plaques sold during the Chairish Our Theatre Campaign.

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BSLLT auditions set March 18 & 20

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will hold auditions for its season finale, "Fuddy Meers."

Auditions will be held at the John F. Holmes Playhouse at 301 Boardman Ave. in Bay St. Louis on Thursday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Director Glen Vanderbeek and assistant to the director Libba Tallant will seek actors in roles for three women and four men.

"Fuddy Meers," written by David Lindsay-Abaire, is a zany new comedy popularized by a curio-cabinet of bizarre outrageous charac-

ters. Consider Claire, the central figure - a woman with amnesia who wakes up every morning a blank slate.

Her chipper husband and rebellious teenage son seem sane when compared to a limping, lisping, half-blind, half-deaf man in a ski mask, or Claire's mother, a stroke victim, or the dimwitted thug with a foul-mouthed hand puppet or a claustrophobic lady cop.

This hilarious and engaging comedy will be produced in mid-May.

For details, or to check out a play script prior to auditions, contact Glen Vanderbeek at 228-467-2089.

Walter Anderson Players to present 'Murder, Medium-Rare'

The Walter Anderson Players, Jackson County's Community Theatre will present its first production of the 2004 season - "Murder, Medium-Rare" by Eileen Moushey.

Directed by Tom Van Devender, "Murder, Medium-Rare" is a delicious audience-participation murder mystery. Assistant director for the show is Dawne Hard.

Cast members include Robert Brown, Julie Franc, Maribel Myers, A.J. Shaw, Christy Tolar, Tom Van

Devender, Beth Walter and Rick Walter.

"Murder, Medium-Rare" is presented by permission from Mysteries by Moushey Inc. and will be performed March 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and March 28 at 2 p.m. at the Ocean Springs Civic Center on Highway 90 in Ocean Springs.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students with ID and can be purchased at the door.

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Fibromyalgia Support Group to meet spouses, family members

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The Fibromyalgia Support Group invites people with fibromyalgia to bring their spouses and other family members with them to the March 29 meeting at 7 p.m. in the Seal Room at the Bay St. Louis Library.

Guest speaker Jim Soriano of Pass Christian will talk about how the disorder affects not only the people who suffer from it but family members who

must often change their lifestyles to accommodate the pain, fatigue and disability that fibromyalgia causes.

He will discuss the stress and burnout that family members encounter and give tips on how to deal with that. He also will suggest ways that family members can support fibromyalgia sufferers in coping with daily activities.

"I believe in a team management approach," he said.

Soriano has a master's degree in counseling and is a licensed professional counselor. He formerly worked for NuCare in New Orleans working with people suffering from such diseases as cancer and chronic fatigue.

He now works in Biloxi for Tricare, dealing with mental health problems in the military community such as stress management, disease management, parenting and marriage.

TOPS 307 meets in Waveland

Take Off Pounds Sensible (TOPS) MS #307, Waveland, met Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at Triumphant Christian Church. 10 members were present. Mabel was the weekly best TOPS loser with a loss of 5-1/2 lbs.

Paula was the top KOPS. Mabel received the incentive award. New Officers were voted on and, in April, will be sworn in.

The Chapter meets every Wednesday mornings at the Triumphant Church located at 1807 Waveland Ave.,

Waveland, MS. Weigh-ins are from 9:00-9:30 with the meeting to follow. Anyone interested in losing weight is welcome to visit the chapter. For more information call Sherri at 467-3798.

Grant monies spent to support fire, police and public works

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Department of Homeland Security issued a 100% funded \$35,692 grant to the City of Bay Saint Louis to be used for equipment that increases safety communications and response. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency administers grant for the Department of Homeland Security.

The first responder preparedness equipment purchased for use by the fire department include Level C protection kits that include mask and suit. Additional self-contained breathing apparatus bottles that will last up to one hour, cooling vests for fighting fire in intensive heat caused by weather and fire, and an 18' emergency equipment trailer that will be staffed and towed by the Fire Department.

Additional portable radio equipment pur-

chased for the Bay and Public Works Department with a radio repeater capable of being portable for the Police Department. Permanent weather stations were provided to the Public Works administrative building (historic city hall, Second St.) and the Fire Station, 310 Old Spanish Trail. One was also provided to the Police Department for installation in its mobile communication van. Other shared equipment purchased included portable scene lights and generator.

"The purpose of this grant is to supplement existing equipment supplies following training received by local firefighters and supervisory personnel by the Office of Domestic Preparedness weapons of mass destruction/hazardous materials technician and weapons of mass destruction/incident command schools.

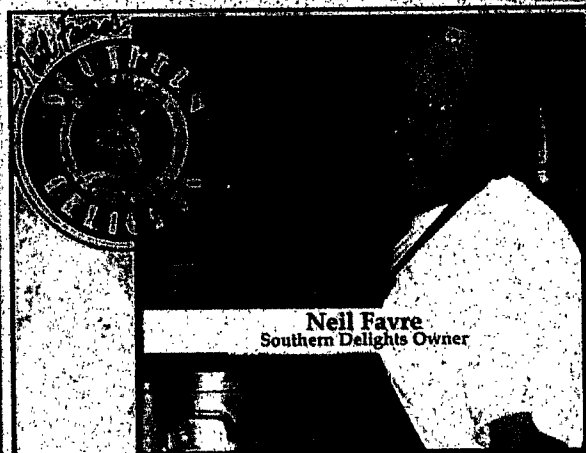
This training and additional equipment was provided with no direct cost to the city of Bay Saint Louis," said Fire Chief Robert Gagnie, who also serves as the Homeland Security Coordinator for Bay Saint Louis. Chief Gagnie authored the grant and serves as the local administrator.

Lakeshore Youth Athletic Club to meet

Lakeshore Youth Athletic Club will have a Club meeting on March 23, 2004 at 7pm in The Lakeshore Gym to elect new Board Members and Football Coaches.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Presenting some of the Finest Restaurants on the Mississippi Gulf Coast



Neil Favre
Southern Delights Owner

Southern Delights, owned and operated by Neil Favre, is truly a treat for your taste buds. Favre opened the restaurant only two months ago and already has a loyal following and an excellent reputation for providing really delicious food at rea-

sonable prices. The fried seafood plates are generous, especially the Seafood Platter. It consists of catfish, shrimp, oysters, frog legs, stuffed crab, delicious! Of course Southern Delights serves all of your favorite traditional po-boys and sandwiches, and some not so traditional like the portabella mushroom sandwich. (You just have to try it, it's really good!) Favre selects a lunch and a dinner special which changes daily except on Mondays, that's red beans and rice day, of course.

Lunch is served Monday through Saturday and dinner is served Wednesday through Saturday. Make plans to bring the family to the newly renovated Southern Delights at 299B Hwy 90, corner of Dunbar and Hwy 90 in Bay St. Louis. You'll be glad you did!

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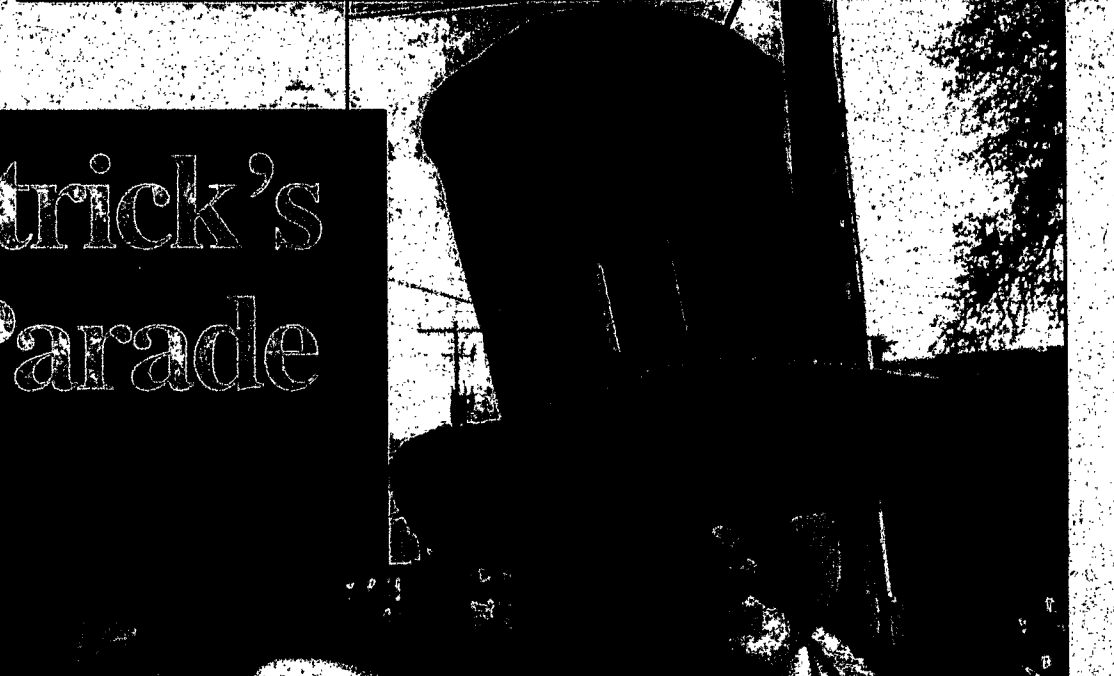
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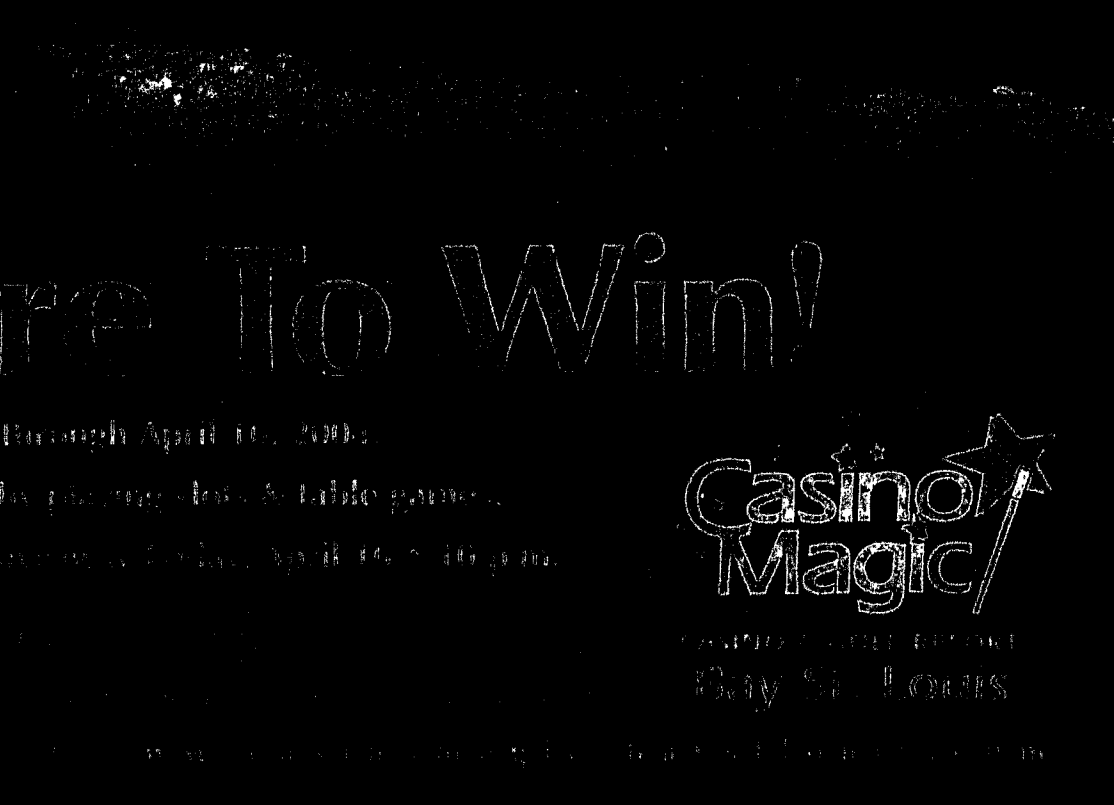
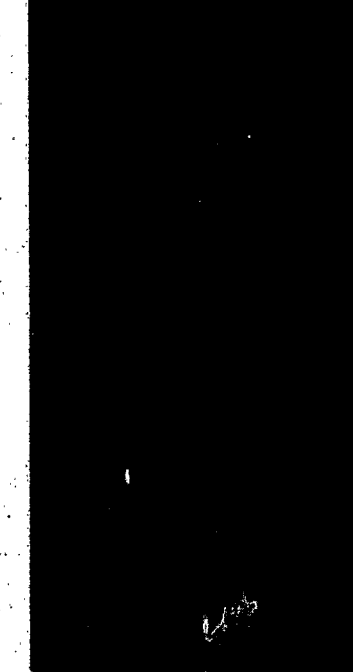
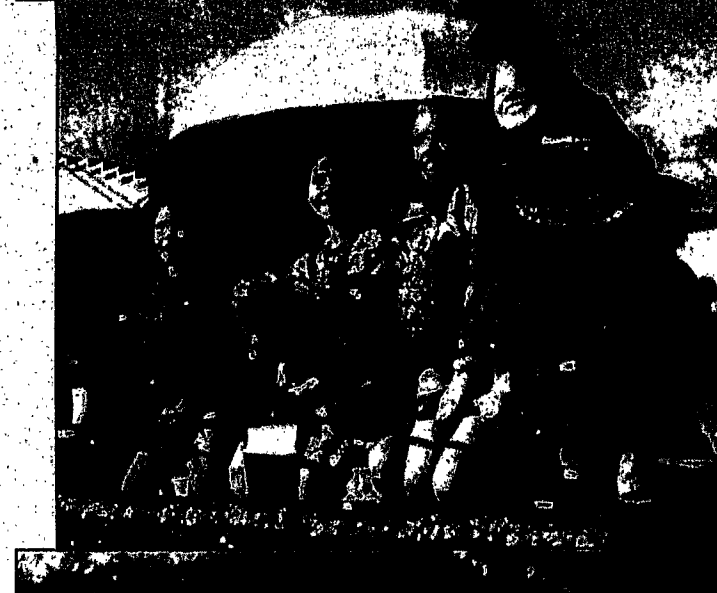
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Canine units from around the country flood Hancock County

Story and photos by Bennie Shallbetter

If it seemed that a police car was following you everywhere you went this week, you're not alone.

Close to a hundred law enforcement officers from the federal to the local level traveled from across the country to the Bay St. Louis-Waveland area to participate in the U.S. Police Canine Association 2004 National Detector Dog Trials held this week. It is the first time the event has been held in Mississippi.

Dogs and their human partners competed in three detector categories: drugs, explosives, and cadaver searches in both indoor and outdoor settings. The dogs were judged for timing and accuracy among other standards.

Paul Cox and his canine partner Dar helped coordinate the event. Cox has been with the Bay St. Louis Police Department for about 11 years and a canine partner for about five and a half years. He and Dar have been together for about two years. Dar was imported from Czechoslovakia. Hancock County's other canine officer Dax works with Hancock County Sheriff's Department Deputy Jimmy Esposito.

Shepherds are the primary choice for a detector dog, though labs and retrievers and other breeds are also used. German, Dutch, or Czech Shepherds are widely used. Dogs generally have a working life of about six to seven years, but some may work longer. Dogs have helped their human counterparts throughout history and are widely used in combat situations.

Working with the dogs has to be a passion, said Cox, requiring a love of animals and a lot of dedication to the daily training routines that must be maintained. Most dogs are trained to the language of their country of origin, many in German or Czech, though some speak Dutch, or even English. About 90 to 95 percent of the detector dogs are imported, said Cox.

Training the dogs to respond to commands in another language serves to avoid any confusion in the field when a criminal or other person at the scene could give the dog a command. Responding only to commands in the language of its training helps the dog to maintain concentration. Concentration is the key to successful detection.

Dogs may receive specialized training for one particular type of detection or may serve on a broader spectrum. One of the reasons Dar was picked to serve the Bay area was because he was able to be socialized. He not only works in patrol but he

also participates in general patrol work, agility and obedience work, suspect search, and criminal apprehension.

And of course he visits area schools and children's groups. He had to be a dog that children could pet, working in an area like Hancock County, said Cox. As a matter of fact, it was a requirement of the city.

"The decision on which dog to pick was left totally up to me," said Cox. "With one requirement, that the dog be social. For me this is not just about being a police officer, but about being an ambassador for the city. When Dar goes into a school setting he knows and he can come right out of that setting and go to work."

Sgt. Michael Nelson was in town for the competitions from Huntsville, AL, with his dog Tico. The two are military police. Tico is trained to detect explosives. Nelson volunteered to be a part of the canine program about two years ago. The training routine is a day in

detector dogs showed up for the trials, cadaver dogs, trained for the job of crime scene investigation. These were the dogs used at the Oklahoma City bombing and at the World Trade Center. Special Agent Ann-Margret Hinkle worked at both locations and many more in her capacity as crime scene investigator and at the Trade Center with her canine partner.

She has worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 13 yrs, and with detector dogs since 1999, beginning her career in law enforcement as a police dispatcher. She has been working with her present dog, a British yellow lab named Buddy, for about six months.

Unlike some detector dogs, cadaver dogs come without any scent training, Hinkle said. The trainer "puts the scent on the dog."

Cadaver work is very specialized and dogs are able to detect remains with as little as a drop of blood or other bodily fluids. Though there are a finite number of chemicals scents that a drug or explosive dog must learn, a cadaver dog must learn to recognize as many as 300 to 350 different chemical scents from the human body. And those chemicals can combine in many different ways in a decomposing body, she said.

But, Hinkle said, the dog is only one of the tools she uses when she arrives at a crime scene. The dogs are not magic and there is always the danger that their abilities will be overestimated. Detector work is a science and a technique, not magic, she said.

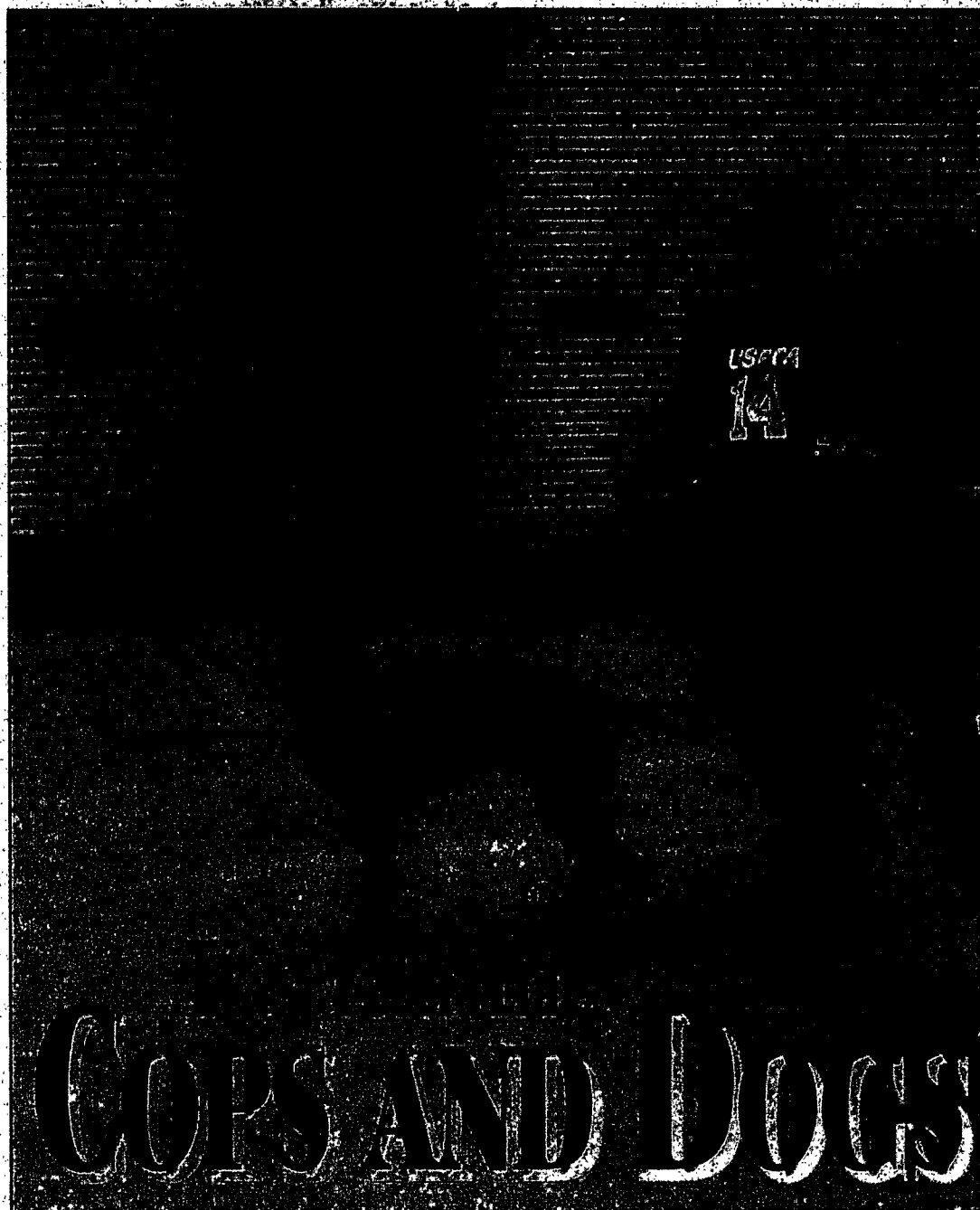
Preparing for the work is the hardest part of the job, said Hinkle. Sometime a suspect will give law enforcement officers a general location of a possible victim. It could be a field or acres of land. If the soil is red or black clay, for instance, which acts as a ziplock bag for scents, the officer must first go through and vent the area to release scents for the dog.

To do the job, Hinkle said, she cannot afford to personalize the victims.

"All I can do is try to bring the victim to the family and serve justice, and hopefully find the person who committed the crime," she said. "There are many things I can't do, and some things that I can do and this is one of them and now I can imagine doing anything else."

Allie, a Golden Retriever, belonging to Deputy Chief Pam SanFillipo of the Bay St. Louis Fire Department certified last month as a cadaver dog, director of cultural affairs Mike Cuevas.

The Regional Detector Dog Trials will begin on Thursday and activities will be open to the public at the Bay St. Louis Sports Complex.

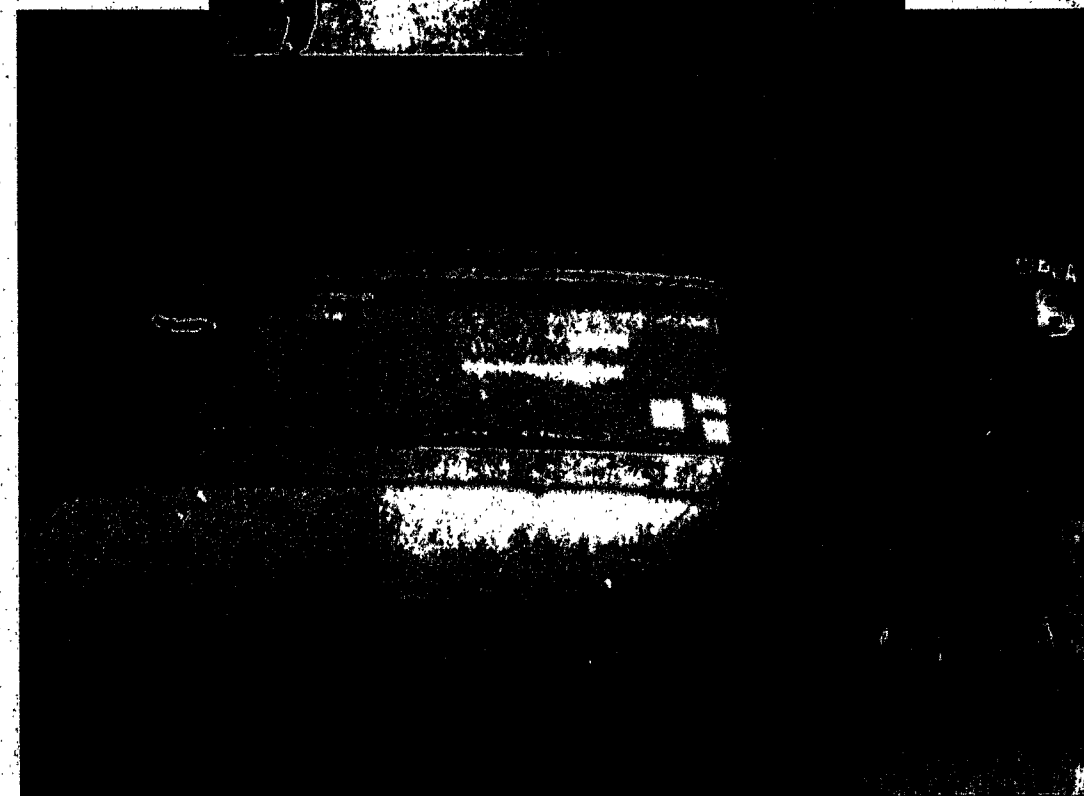
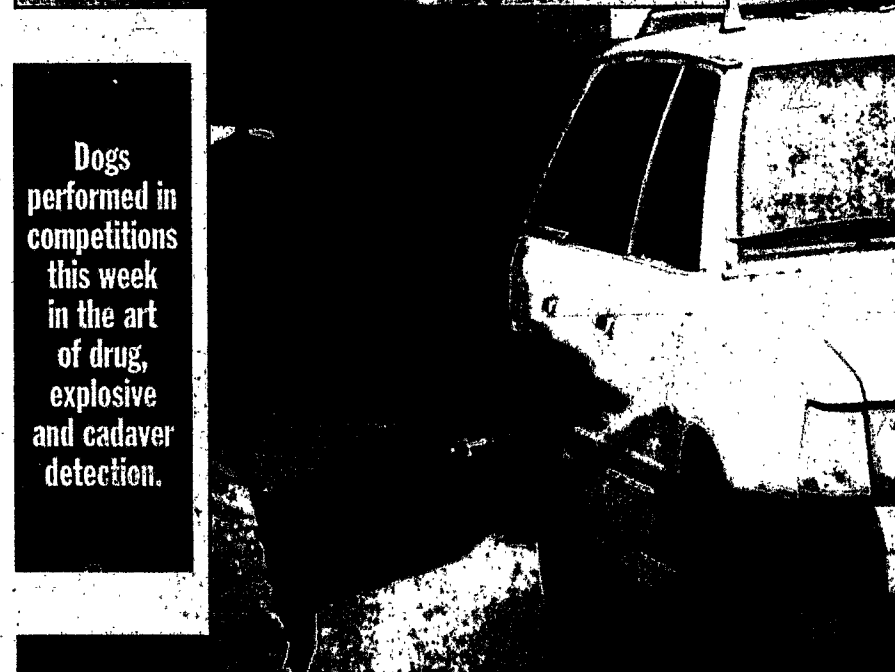


Special agent Ann-Margret Hinkle and her cadaver detector dog Buddy, who is scent-trained to help Hinkle in her job as a crime scene investigator for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Q: What is the difference between conventional and synthetic motor oil?

A: Conventional lubricants are refined from crude oil which has thousands of types of molecules. Refining is the physical separation of the impurities of the oil and the separation the light and heavy components. Because refining separates products by weight, it groups molecules of similar weight and dissimilar structure. The result is a lubricant with an assortment of molecules. Some of the substances in crude oil are detrimental to lubrication. Paraffins, for example, are a common conventional oil contaminant that causes motor oil to thicken in cold temperatures. Synthetic motor oils are made from pure chemicals, not refined crude.

Their components are chemically reacted to produce finished products with pre-designed performance characteristics. Because of their molecular uniformity, they excel in reducing friction, which improves fuel efficiency, controls heat and reduces wear. This molecular uniformity also helps synthetics resist thinning in hot temperatures and thickening in cold.

Q: My friend says synthetic oils are better for the environment. Is that true?

A: You are both right. The environmental benefits of synthetic lubricants are most apparent when you consider their extended drain capabilities. Synthetic compressor oils last eight times longer than their petroleum counterparts. This means eight times less waste oil to dispose of. Synthetic motor oils for cars and light trucks have drain recommendations of two to 10 times longer than petroleum depending on the product and the manufacturer. Fewer oil changes means less waste oil as well as less container waste disposal. However, synthetic motor oils require the same disposal care as traditional petroleum motor oils.

Q: I know synthetic motor oil is better in winter cold, but how do they benefit people who live in hot weather climates like in Arizona or South Texas?

A: Oil volatility is the measure of how susceptible an oil is to boil-off under high heat conditions. Most petroleum oils experience significant boil-off during high temperature engine operation and are expelled into the environment. The thicker oil left behind contributes to damaging deposits, sticky piston rings and oil blow-by, all contributing to reduced life and drag on performance.

Synthetic oils are more impervious to this kind of degradation. The lower volatility of synthetics is another reason they are better for the environment than conventional products.

Q: Are there any advantages to conventional petroleum oils?

A: Petroleum-based motor oils have an initial price advantage over synthetics. In advancing the cost issue, remember that even the most expensive motor oil is cheaper than engine repairs caused by inadequate metal to metal protection or general lubricant failure. Synthetics have been proven to give superior year-round protection and performance.

When motorists evaluate their lubricant costs on a per year or per mile basis, rather than on the basis of cost per oil change, synthetic motor oils with extended drain intervals are found to cost less than conventional motor oils.

Q: Will synthetic motor oils void my warranty?

A: No. Manufacturers call for API SL-rated motor oil of specific viscosity grades and usually do not distinguish between conventional or synthetic lubricants. However, some high-performance cars, like the Chevrolet Corvette, are filled with synthetic motor oil at the factory and recommend the use of synthetics.

Synthetics lubricants should also be used in the transmission of your tow vehicles as well. Pulling cars and rigs to the track put extra demands on transmissions and petroleum tranny fluid breaks down more quickly under these conditions. Synthetic-based transmission fluids last up to three times longer than their conventional counterparts.

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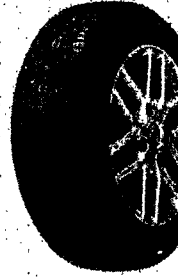


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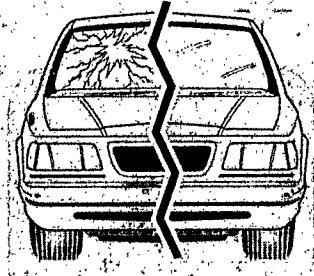
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How to lengthen the life of your tires

Like most of us, we buy a set of tires, have them put on our car and then forget about them until our next inspection rolls around or until we notice they need air or we get a flat. We should be checking our vehicle's tires more often to make sure they are fit for the road and to ensure their longevity. Here is a checklist, courtesy of Shell, on what you can do to make sure you get the longest life out of them.

PRESSURE

One-fourth of all cars and one-third of all light trucks have at least one substantially underinflated tire. These tires can cause blowouts and tire failure, which can cause serious accidents. And appearances can be deceiving — a tire can lose up to half of its air pressure without appearing flat. Overinflation, on the other hand, puts unnecessary stress on tires, which

can result in irregular tread wear. Check tire inflation with an accurate gauge, which can be found in any auto parts store and most service stations.

ALIGNMENT

Improper alignment of your car's steering mechanisms — including the front and rear tires and the steering wheel — can reduce the lifespan of your tires by thousands of miles. Have a tire dealer check the alignment if you notice:

- Excessive or uneven tire wear;
- The steering wheel "pulling" to the right or the left;
- A feeling of "looseness" or "wandering;"
- Steering wheel vibration;
- The steering wheel is not centered when the car is moving straight ahead.

ROTATION

If you fail to rotate your tires, the front tires may last 10,000 to 20,000 miles,

while the rear tires will last 50,000 to 80,000 miles. To achieve more uniform wear, experts recommend that you rotate your tires every 6,000 miles. Refer to your vehicle's owner's manual for correct pattern rotation. Common patterns include straight forward and straight back or criss-crossed.

TREAD

Advanced and unusual wear can reduce the ability of tread to grip the road in adverse conditions — especially on wet roads. When checking tires, look for uneven wear, high and low areas, bubbling or excessively smooth areas, as well as cuts or foreign objects.

Tires must be replaced when tread has worn down to 1/16" of an inch. If you don't have a measurement device, use a penny to check tread depth. Insert a penny with the head pointed down into the tread groove. If you can see all of Lincoln's head,

your tires need to be replaced.

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These simple steps from Shell, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, the Federal Highway Administration and the National Safety Council will prevent you from panicking if you get a flat.

1. Pull off the road and stop in a safe place. Put the car in park on level ground if possible and apply the parking brake. If your car has a standard transmission, place the gear shift in reverse or first gear.

2. Retrieve the spare tire, jack and lug wrench. Remove hub caps with the lug wrench.

3. Loosen each lug nut one turn counterclockwise while the car is still on the ground.

4. Place the jack under the reinforced section of the car's body. (The location of these sections is listed in your owner's manual.) Jack up the car until the flat tire is several inches off the ground. **WARNING:** Never



CHANGING A FLAT TIRE is an important skill for all drivers to know.

place your hands or feet under the vehicle or tire once it has been raised.

5. Remove the lug nuts and the wheel.

6. Place the spare tire on the axle and align the holes. Replace the lug nuts and

screw each on lightly.

7. Lower the car, and remove the jack. Then use the wrench to firmly tighten each lug nut.

8. Have the flat tire repaired or replaced and reinstalled.

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With fuel prices on the rise and concerns about future availability, you're probably searching for ways to conserve as much gas as possible. Get more mileage for your money with these easy tips, courtesy of Amsoil, Inc.

1. Drive with caution. Don't exceed highway speed limits. Use moderate-to-easy acceleration. Gas mileage is negatively affected by fast acceleration and fast deceleration. If possible, use cruise control on highway trips. Maintaining a constant speed helps reduce fuel consumption.

2. Maintain a properly tuned engine. Dirty spark plugs do not create the maximum spark and cause reduced horsepower and increased emissions.

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5. Maintain your car's air filter. Install a new air filter as needed. To get optimal efficiency from your engine, it needs to breathe.

6. Take advantage of aerodynamics. Keep windows rolled up if you are travelling over 40 mph. At highway speeds, traveling with the windows open can



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create a wind drag that will lower your mileage. Sunroofs also disturb smooth aerodynamic air flow and reduce mileage. Avoid using a roof rack; you can reduce aerodynamic drag and improve fuel economy by placing items inside

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make sure the front end is aligned for better mileage and a longer tire life.

8. Avoid excess weight. Pack light and clean out your trunk periodically. You would be surprised how many unnecessary items most people keep in their trunks.

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Road trip season is approaching, and no highway outing is complete without a killer stereo to blast your favorite tunes. With continued advancements in car stereos and audio technology, this spring may be a good time to upgrade. Building a car stereo system is a balance of tech gadgetry, audio engineering and physics. With so many options on the market, the task of choosing the right car stereo can be daunting. Get tuned in with this primer on the basic components:

HEAD UNIT

What we most often think of as the "car stereo" is called the head unit — the knobs and buttons that connect you to the rest of the system. Choice here mostly comes down to user friendliness and personal preference. Look for controls that are easy to see and use, and think about how you will use them while driving. If you have a CD player, make sure it reads all disc formats, including CD-R and CD-RW.

Many head units offer the ability to play mini-discs, MP3s and even DVDs. Satellite radio is also gaining popularity with its sports programs and commercial-free radio for cars and homes.

SPEAKERS

The speakers are what move the sound to your ears. Many factors ultimately determine what kind of speakers you need, but there are a few general guidelines. Look for speakers with a high sensitivity rating, which means that the speaker will play louder using the same power as a speaker with a lower rating. For serious audiophiles, no car audio system is complete without subwoofers, which are like window-rattling speakers. Humans can hear higher-pitched sounds better than lower-pitched

ones; for lower-range sound frequencies to be heard at the same level, they require more power and bigger speakers.

AMPLIFIERS

To achieve sound that can be felt as well as heard, an amplifier is an absolute necessity. Through a complex system of physics, amplifiers do exactly what their name implies — they amplify the power of the signal (measured in watts) going to the speakers. While amps are best known for generating head-turning power, they can also achieve a cleaner sound and increased clarity. However, be warned that it's easy to spend too much for too little.

Consult a certified and reputable audio technician (and go for a trusted brand) before diving into this arena and investing your hard earned money. If you are serious about quality sound while on the road, you'll discover that there really is a difference between a \$200 and a \$2,000 stereo system. But while the flashy gizmos may look appealing, you have to go with what's right for your vehicle, listening habits and budget. Need more information? As any serious road-tripper knows, your local auto-parts-store, dealership or electronics shop are always the best places to start before you hit the road.



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Sports

Bay, Hancock & SSC cagers claim All-State team selections

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For much of the past two weeks the state high school athletic focus has been the 2004 MHSAA State High School Basketball Championships being held at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. In all, 60 teams representing the five classifications for boys and girls earned their way to the "Big House."

Hancock County had three teams taking part in the state tournament - the St. Stanislaus Rock-chaws, the Bay High Lady Tigers and the Hancock Lady Hawks.

The Rocks (27-9) lost in the quarterfinals of the Class 4A boys tournament to the eventual state champion Jackson Provine Rams (32-6) 48-34. This was the third consecutive trip to the "Big House" and fourth under head coach Jay Ladner. SSC ended the season ranked #19 in the statewide poll and Provine finished #1.

The Bay High Lady Tigers (29-7) advanced to the girls 4A state title game for the third consecutive time losing 76-60 to Northeast Jones (32-3). Under the guidance of Debbie Triplett, the Lady Tigers have advanced to the state title game four times and claimed the 2003 state 4A championship. Bay High completed the season ranked #11 in the statewide poll while Northeast Jones was #2.

The Hancock Lady Hawks (29-4) claimed the girls 5A state title on Saturday with a convincing 60-46 win over the two-time defending state champion Jackson Murrah Lady Mustangs (29-7). It was the third consecutive trip to the state tournament under Pam Slayton and the first state title for Hancock in girls basketball since repeat titles in 1979 and 1980. Hancock ended the season ranked #4 statewide and Murrah ended #7.

Several area players have earned post-season honors and awards for their accomplishments during the season.

For St. Stanislaus, Darius Acker became the second Rock-a-chaw to play in the Mississippi-Alabama All Star Classic on March 27th in Pelham. SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "This is a great way for Darius Acker to end a grand career. ... For an individual, this is the highest honor in the state." Acker averaged 19.4 points, 5.6 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 3.9 steals per game.

Acker, a 5-10 shooting guard, will join Michael Harmon (6-3, Columbus), Christian Marshall (6-9, Jackson Wingfield), Jordan Payne (6-4, Heidleberg), Charles Rhodes (6-9, Jackson Lanier), Bernard Rimmer (6-7, Grenada), Henry Salter (6-4, Gulfport), Stanford Speech (6-1, Jim Hill), Brandon Tate (6-4, Noxubee County), Charles Thomas (6-8, Jackson Callaway), Charlie White (5-10, Jackson

Provine), and Tarrell Wilson (6-8, Holly Springs) on the team. Hampton talked about Acker, "Darius Acker has been in a program that has been coached extremely well by Jay Ladner. He can shoot the ball very well and can handle the flow of a game. He understands the game like a coach does. He will be like another coach on the floor."

The North-South All-Star game will take on a different format this season. This year, the game will feature the state's rising seniors in an all-star game format to be played in front of college coaches in July.

SSC's Ramsey Shawa was chosen for the team. Shawa, a 6-6 forward, will join South team members Jeffrey Allen (5-10, Columbia), David Clark (6-6, Lawrence County), Craigory Craft (6-0, Raleigh), Alex Ford (6-5, Northeast Lauderdale), Donnaire Hair (6-8, Picayune), Tony Hobson (6-2, Jim Hill), Darrell Johnson (6-0, Mendenhall), Justin Lewis (6-5, Lawrence County), Urie Ramsey (6-5, Stone County), Oscar Rayford (5-10, West Marion), and Reggie Shellwood (6-2, Bay Springs). The coaches for the South team are Gene Britt of Loyd Star and Tony Woody of Columbia.

Ladner commented, "This is a credit to the way Ramsey Shawa ended the year. He finished very strong."

As the games became more high profile, he stepped up his level of play. During the season, Shawa averaged 7.6 points and 6.9 rebounds per game.

Darius Acker was also named to the 4A All-State Tournament team in 2004.

For Bay High, Kendra Reed, Destiny Porter and Felicia Thomas were all named to the girls 4A All-State Tournament team. Also, both Reed and Porter were named the All-State team chosen by the AP.

Reed, a 5-10 junior forward, averaged 22.1 points, 7.0 rebounds, and 3.2 steals per game. She was also chosen as a Dandy Dozen pick this season - one of only three juniors on the team. Reed, an all-around scholar athlete, led her volleyball team to the state semifinals in 2003 and will also join the Lady Tigers on the diamond for fast-pitch softball in the spring.

Porter, a 5-11 junior forward, averaged 15 points and 7.3 rebounds per game in 2004. Thomas, the lone lady Tiger senior and a 5-7 shooting guard, averaged 10 points and 3 steals per game in 2004.

The Lady Hawks will be represented at the Mississippi-Alabama All Star game on March 27th by Charles Rhodes (6-9, Jackson Lanier), Bernard Rimmer (6-7, Grenada), Henry Salter (6-4, Gulfport), Stanford Speech (6-1, Jim Hill), Brandon Tate (6-4, Noxubee County), Charles Thomas (6-8, Jackson Callaway), Charlie White (5-10, Jackson

Association of Coaches, and was the recipient of the United States Marine Corps "Top Dog" Award presented at the MHSAA State Tournament on Saturday - the only female chosen from 30 girls' teams in the tournament.

She was also named 5A Player of the Year by the MAC.

Necaise will be joined on the team by Dee Forrest (6-1, Louisville), Monchel Howard (5-3, Durant), Miayorka Johnson (5-10, Ripley), Janie Mitchell (6-1, Jackson Callaway), Amy Reeder (5-11, Pontotoc), Diamond Rogers (5-11, Jackson Murrah), Whitney Shepard (5-8, Cleveland), Michelle Spires (5-11, Yazoo County), Ashton Washington (5-11, McAdams), Ratassia Worsham (5-9, Wayne County), and Tierra Young (5-7, South Leake). The head coach for the team is Shelia Hickman of Louisville. Donny Fuller of Warren Central is the assistant coach and Nanci Gray of Tupelo is the administrative coach.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton commented, "This is a very well-deserved honor for Brooke Necaise. It does not come as a surprise but is an honor that is bestowed on a player of her caliber. This is a fun thing to do as an individual but this award is also symbolic of the program, as well."

Hancock Lady Hawk junior forward Ashley Boehnel was chosen for the North-South All-Star game. The 5-10 forward averaged 12.1 points, 4-8 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game. She also led the team with 102 steals on the year and was named to the 5A All-State Tournament team.

Slayton talked about Boehnel, "She showed that she can be a hard-working talented player, especially in the state tournament. Her defensive game stepped up a level late in the year and really improved; this honor comes as a result of her hard work during the season."

The second team All-State selection will be joined on the South team by LaReina Adams (5-8, St. Andrew's), Shaquita Bell (5-8, Northeast Lauderdale), Latoya Branch (5-10, Gulfport), Chantay Frazier (5-7, Choctaw Central), Brittany Fultz (5-8, South Pike), Jenna Hutchison (5-10, Sumrall), Cookie Johnson (5-10, Warren Central), Kristi Martin (5-7, Bay Springs), Chinita Steele (6-0, Perry Central), Britta Stephens (5-7, North Pike), and Dominique Whitfield (5-10, Crystal Springs). The head coach for the South team is John Stephens of North Pike. Walter Wilson of Choctaw Central will serve as the assistant coach.

Courtney Craft, a 5-7 senior point guard for Hancock, was named to the 5A All-State Tournament team. Craft averaged 8.7 points and 4.1 assists per game. She also shot 41% from beyond the arc.

The coast enjoyed a sweep of Class 5A in the state tournament as Biloxi won the boys' title and Hancock brought home the girls' title. In Class 4A, Northeast Jones took control of the gold ball and Jackson Provine repeated as the 4A boys' champion. The 3A classification boys' title went to Holly Springs while Choctaw Central repeated as the girls' winner. In Class 2A, Hollandale-Simmons brought home the hardware for the boys and Bay Springs claimed their third state title in girls basketball. Class 1A Benoit Brooks defeated Byers for the championship and West Lowndes won the girls trophy.

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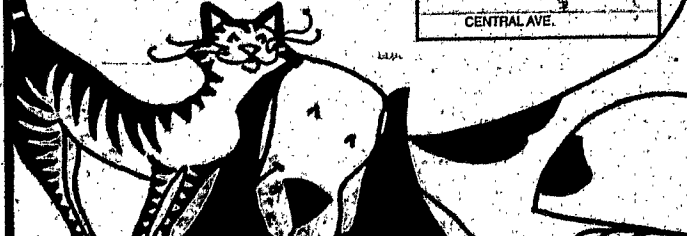
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Property address: 1005 Rue DeLaSalle, Waveland, MS. (3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Brick Vencer)

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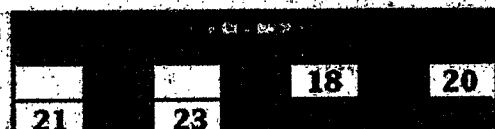
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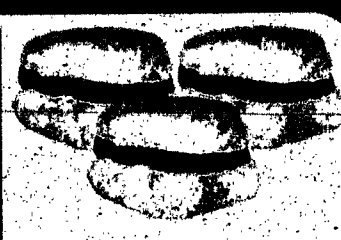
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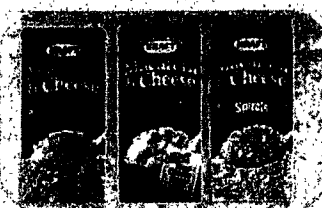
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